

In Council, 6th April, 1781.

N^o. 316. Sir, Yours of the 4th we received and think it necessary that Arms should be put into the Hands of all the well affected Militia of Baltimore Town, and that Guards each to consist of such a Number as you may think necessary, to be taken from the Town Militia, should be ordered out on Duty immediately to prevent the Town from being surprised and to protect the Magazine and Stores. We esteem it highly proper that Signals should be agreed on and established to warn ~~and~~ assemble the County Militia when their Assistance may be requisite to cooperate with the Militia of the Town.

Andrew Buchanan Esq^r.

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317. Gentlemen, The Treasury is in the same State as when we wrote to you, but expect a considerable Part of the Taxes will be paid ^{in the Course of} this Month. We cannot promise that you shall have the Money by the next Post, but we hope to be able to furnish it, as we have requested the Treasurer to lay by the Sum you require of the first that may be paid in. We are much distressed for the Plates for the small Denominations of our State Money, and the paper for printing them, the Prices of Articles having raised considerably for the want of small Change. We shall be obliged to you to inform us when they may be expected.

The Delegates in Congress.

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318. Sir, Col. Pittsough informs us that he has a Quantity of State Flour in his Mill which may be in Danger from the Enemy. We request you to remove it Lower Marlbro as soon as a safe Opportunity appears by Water.

Patrick Sim Smith Esq^r.

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319. Sir, We have received your Letter of the 5th and have made the Application you desired to Gen^l Smallwood for the Release of John Glass upon the Terms you mention, which he has consented to. With regard to the Flour at your Mill we think it would be proper to remove it to a place of greater Security, and perhaps Lower Marlbro would be sufficiently safe and convenient, for that Purpose; we enclose a Letter to Mr. Patrick Sim