

is in the Town it will be an Inducement with the Enemy to attempt to gain Possession of it, which might not be the Case if the Property was removed. (You are hereby empowered) to call on Duty the whole or great Numbers of the Militia of Baltimore Town as you may think necessary.

Gen^l Buchanan.

In Council, 9th April, 1781.

N^o 332 Sir, We have made use of the Opportunity by some Waggons sent by Col Joshua Beall for Arms for the Militia of Prince Georges County of forwarding to you Seventy five Stand of Arms with accoutrements for the use of the Militia of your County.

Col Ware

In Council, 9 April, 1781.

333 Sir, Yours of the 7th Instant is received, It is our Intention to give every Assistance in our Power to the neighbouring States, and with you to assist Virginia on this Emergency and if it can be done without leaving George Town and the Neighbourhood exposed to the Ravages of the Enemy, which must depend on Circumstances that cannot possibly be foreseen by us and therefore we submit the Propriety of it to your Discretion. The Prisoners with you except Dixon, we would if possibly can be done have exchanged for Cap^t William Middleton taken by the British Fleet in Virginia of the State Boat Dolphin and two of ^{his} Crew whom he ^{may} make Choice of, we have wrote the Commissary of Montgomery to furnish the Militia which may be called into Service with ~~Pro~~ Provisions on your Order, You will send the Recruits to this Place, tho we cannot legally order them from the County before they are clothed, yet we suppose they will not have any Objections when we engage that they shall not be ordered from this until they are clothed, indeed it is absolutely necessary that they should be drawn to a Point that they may be properly disciplined before they are called into the Field and may be better provided here than they possibly can be with you. When a Return of the Enrollment of the Fleet Militia is made we shall be more able to judge of the Propriety of commissioning Mr John Hammond Nicholls. we have sent