

refuse to remove and you should think their continuance there prejudicial to the State, you will also have them removed to the main, we hereby empower you take such Waggons with their Horses, Carriages Horses and other Draft Cattle, Teams and Drivers as you may judge necessary, and proper for the Service of the State to perform Carriages mount the Militia to go on to proper. Every Person who comes from the Enemy should be seized and should be sent under Guard to this Board with such Evidence as you may be able to procure against them to be given, on Oath.

Col. Richard Barnes.

In Council, 11th April, 1781.

N^o 350. Sir, This moment your Letter of this Date was put into our Hands with its several Enclosures. We think with you that it would be very Hazardous to march the Militia of Prince Georges County out of the State, and though we are anxiously solicitous for the Safety of Alexandria, we can by no means consent to your abandoning the Posts of this State much exposed to the Enemy. We have given Col. Muddocks Instructions to give every Assistance to Virginia he can consistently with the Safety of George Town and its Vicinity; it is from that Part of the State only we can with Convenience and Security give the desired Aid. You will make every Expedition to protect the Inhabitants and their Property on the Coast and in Case you judge it proper, we request you to have the Horses, Stocks and Provisions immediately removed from the Streets there and other Places within the Enemy's Reach. The Waggon brought up this Afternoon by Turnbull is dispatched, and if the Arms sent to your Care for Charles County are not forwarded, we again beg Leave to press the necessity of sending them without the least Delay.

Col. Joshua Beall.

In Council, 11th April, 1781.

Sir, Genl. Smallwood has informed this Board that there are several Field Pieces and a Quantity of military Stores at Fort George Town belonging to the Continent that ought immediately to be removed up into the County and without Waggons Teams and Drivers are procured it will be impossible, we therefore hereby empower and request you to impress such Numbers of Waggons Teams and Drivers and Horses as may be sufficient to remove the Artillery and Stores under Charge