

Side of Patuxent, It was never our Intent that the Militia of the

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Town should do any Duty but at the Port and in Town. We do not think it necessary at this Time to have any Guards posted on the North Side of Patuxent as the Enemy are down the Bay, but would have them armed and in readiness to act at a moments warning, certainly there will be sufficient Notice given of the Approach of the Enemy for the Militia to be prepared to receive them. If there is good Cause to suspect particular Persons in Baltimore Town or County of Disaffection to the Government or the Militia or any of them will point them out and communicate the Grounds of their Suspicion to this Board and we should think them sufficient to justify an Exercise of the extraordinary Powers vested in us by the Law for the Safety of the State we will take most cheerfully and readily take the proper Measures for their Apprehension and Confinement.

Gen^l Buchanan

In Council, 11th April, 1781.

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Sir From a Representation made to this Board by Gen^l Juch that the several recruits ought to be drawn together as soon as possible to be instructed in their Duty, we are induced to depart from the Law and to order them from the Counties, in which they were enlisted before they are clothed ^{and} at the same Time that there might not be no Complaints to promise and engage that they should not be marched from the Places appointed for their rendezvous, until they are clothed agreeably to the Law; we hope Gen^l Juch Promise and Engagement will fully remove every Obstacle to the Recruits from your County marching to Baltimore Town the Place of Rendezvous. We have given Orders to Capt. Shepards to supply you with two Kegs of musquet Powder, it is out of our Power to order any lead to you probably you may be able to procure some in your County, we would have you purchase sufficient for your wants if it can be obtained. You will take two Field Pieces of Mr. Hughs upon the Terms he offers, we think they will be fully sufficient for your County. The paper sent you, which you returned contained Instructions to seize Provisions, similar Instructions having been sent to the other Counties of this State, we desire you to put them into Execution immediately, and to make use of the Provisions so furnished by those Militia who may be on Duty, who are not able to provide for themselves, those who are we expect will not call on the Public in this