

We are constrained by the exhausted State of the Treasury, and the
impressant Demands made on us for considerable Sums, to direct the Treasurer of the
Eastern Shore to find out by thousands Pounds of the Money remaining in his
Hands, and expect his complying therewith will not be delayed by your Inter-
position. As the Laws will not be printed in a few Days and nearly as soon as they
could be transcribed, we thought it best not to incur that Expense, and shall send
them over immediately after they are printed. In case of Invacision, your Board
may appoint an Officer to act in any Vacancy in the Militia, until our
Pleasure is known. When it is necessary to make such Appointments, and it is
accordingly made and communicated, and the Person approved, we shall send
him a Commission. If your Honors will one hundred Stand of Arms with Bayon-
nets sent to Dochester the 2^d of February last to what you mention you
will find the Number allotted to you has been exceeded one hundred and
twenty five wanting fewer, which we imagined had been delivered at Balti-
more pursuant to our Order, a Copy of which is enclosed. The Mode generally
now for the Subsistence of the Militia, when called into actual Service to repel
small Parties of the Enemy, and to prevent their Ravages, is to allow them for
Rations which they provided for themselves, except in a few Instances
where they have not had either Provisions or Money; so that the public
Stocks is but little diminished by ordering them into Service. It always
been our Endeavour to make Provisions for the wants of every Part of the
State without any Distinction, and we trust our Duty and Inclination will
ever prompt us to afford the same Protection to the Eastern that we
would to the Western Shore; and although it will give us great
Pleasure to receive any Proposition from you that will in the least conduce
to promote the Interests of the whole or any Part of the State, we must
object to your taking any Measures, giving any Orders, or making any
Applications which relates to the State in general. Though your former
Letter contained some Expressions that were deemed improper, our Desire
to avoid every thing that might disturb the Harmony between us, deter-
mined this Board to overlook them and whatever did not encroach
on the Authority and tend to lessen the Dignity of the Executive of the State.
We have observed with Attention and Candour in the several of your Letters
of the 17th which are held exceptionable, not with a Design to vilify or make
uneasiness, but to define and ascertain the Bounds of the Jurisdiction of each Body,
whereby we earnestly hope that every Ground and Cause of Dispute