

Samuel Miller (and George Thompson) have commenced the other  
gentlemen recommended, if you had informed us how the Successes happened  
we sent you a Commission for Jacob Brown the Day before Yesterday.  
Col. Samuel Smith.

In Council, 26<sup>th</sup> April 1781.

405. Sir, We cannot exempt you from Militia Duty, if you can satisfy  
Genl Buchanan to whom we refer you that you are incapable of  
bearing Arms, we are convinced he will not permit you to remain  
in such a Situation as will render you liable to be called on to  
do Duty.

Mr. Robert Ballard.

In Council, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1781.

406. Sir, We have received your Letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and are fully sensible  
of the exposed Situation of your Coasts, and extremely willing to do every  
thing within our Power to prevent the Ravages of the Enemy. We approve  
of employing such a Look out Boat as you mention and  
of such a Number of Men either of the Militia or others as may  
most effectually answer the intended Purpose. This you will be  
pleased to communicate to Col. Mearns.

Thomas Stone Esq.

In Council, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1781.

407. Sir, We have received your Letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> relative to Provision for the Militia,  
but as the British Ships have all passed this Port and gone down the Bay, we are  
fortunately relieved at present from the Necessity of keeping the Militia longer on Shore  
and have accordingly wrote to Genl Buchanan to discharge them.

James Calhoun Esq.

In Council, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1781.

408. Sir, The Enemy's Ships having passed this Harbour and have proceeded down  
the Bay, the busy Season of the year and our Desire to avoid any unnecessary Expence  
with other Circumstances have determined us to discharge the Militia of Baltimore  
County and Town, You will therefore give Orders for discharging them imme-  
diately, we would have them ready upon the first Alarm of the