

Approach of the Enemy and that they may be enabled to do it you will permit those of the Militia who can be entrusted and depended upon to retain their Arms.

Andrew Buchanan Esq.

In Council, 26th April 1781.

409. Sir, You are hereby empowered and directed to impress ten sufficient Horses for the Guards ordered to conduct the British Prisoners now in this City to Fredericks Town in Frederick County.

Lieut. Laurens Warfield.

In Council, 27th April, 1781.

410. Sir, Gen^l Hamilton has informed us that a Barge with Clothing and Money for the late Convention Troops Stationed in Virginia and Maryland has arrived at Hampton and requested Permission to land them at George Town in Maryland, which we have granted so far as concerns the Troops in Maryland under certain Restrictions and referred him to your Excellency as to the Stores for the Troops in Virginia we wish that the enclosed Letter for Mr. Heckerly may be sent on Board the Barge in such Manner as you may think proper to direct.

Governor Jefferson.

In Council, 27th April 1781.

411. Sir, By the Act for the Defence of the Bay a Troop of Horse is directed to be raised for the Protection of the Inhabitants of Worcester and Somerset Counties to consist of one Captain Lieutenant and Cornet and twenty four Dragoons. We have appointed you to the Command of the Troop and request your immediate Attendance: Should you not accept the Command You'll inform us thereof immediately. Erasmus Gaunt is appointed Cornet.

Capt. James Lingan.

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