

In Council, 1st June, 1781.

493. Sir, We cannot undertake to give particular Directions about the receiving the Money from the Glasse, the Law directs that it shall be paid in Species or the Value in the new Emissons, which Value we suppose is left with you to settle, all that we can say is that you had better take an Account of the Kind of Money you may receive at what Exchange and at what Time.

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494. Sir, From the Intelligence we have received of the rapid Movements of the Enemy in Virginia, we have reason to apprehend an Invasion of this State, it will be necessary that every Precaution be taken preparative for our Defence, We therefore request you to order the Militia in your County to hold themselves in perfect Readiness to march at a moments Warning to such Place as may be thought necessary, and to have all the Arms in your County proper for Defence, immediately repaired and put in the best Condition Cartridges made and every thing ready to take the Field.

Circular to the Lieutenants of several Counties.

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495. Sir, Having been informed that some Commissions would be wanted on the Eastern Shore, we did ourselves the Honor on the 31st of last Month of writing to you and enclosing twelve Blanks. We are just now favored with your Letter of the 30th May desiring Commissions for Captains Grayson and Spedding, but as you will have the Blanks before this can get to Hand, we apprehend sending Commissions for those Gentlemen is become unnecessary. The Enemy under Lord Cornwallis are marching with great rapidity through Virginia, he was at Pagan's warehouses on York River the 28th ult. and the Marguier retreating to Fredericksburgh, Genl Leslie had embarked with a Force of about one thousand or twelve hundred Men off intended as is supposed to Patowmack or up the Bay to cooperate with Cornwallis. The Assembly are taking the most vigorous Measures and we in Conformity to their Intentions have wrote Circular