

In Council, 15th June, 1781.

Sir, We think a large Body of Troops drawn to a Point in this State might in all Probability prevent the Enemy from invading it and would a very important and acceptable Succour to the Marquis (Rayette), if the Enemy should be successful in Virginia as to encourage them to penetrate this State, under those Impressions we have ordered the Militia from and select Militia from most of the Counties of this State and nine hundred and fifty of the Militia at large to George Town on Patowmack, of which Militia at large we have thought proper to order five hundred from Frederick County, we therefore request you will give immediate Order for the March of five hundred Rank and File of the Militia of your County properly armed and accoutred, under a Lieutenant and Major eight Captains & eight Lieutenants and eight Ensigns to that place without Delay subject to our further Orders; from Montgomery County two hundred and fifty under a Major four Captains four Lieutenants and four Ensigns, and from Prince Georges two hundred under a Major three Captains three Lieut^s and three Ensigns.

Circular to the Lieut^s of Frederick,
Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.

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Sir, We request you will have six Ammunition Waggon, twelve travelling Carriages for four Pound Cannon immediately made, and that you pay the strictest Attention to the repairs of Arms Col^o Smith will furnish you with Money for those Purposes.

Capt^l Keefe.

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Sir, A ^{Letter} ~~Copy~~ of ours of the 14th April, we understand from Capt^l Bailey has not reached you, we now request an immediate Compliance, the recruits may rely ^{being clothed immediately on} upon their Arrival as we have applied a quantity of Money to the purchase of Cloathing which will be ready by that Time.

Col^o Thomas