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No 530 this State, which under it necessary to renew our Orders we gave you in our Letter of the 4th Instant, You will therefore consider them as the subsisting Orders of this Board and march the Men with the utmost Expedition to George Town subject to our further Order.
(Circular. Lieut. of Princes Georges, Montgomery and Frederick Counties. 1781)

531 In Council, 9th June, 1781.
Sir, By Express from Colo. Maw of Charles County, we learn that several Sail of Vessels were seen on Yesterday standing up the River Patowmack, among which was a large Ship as high as Blackstones Island. We wish to have the State Boat down the Bay on the look out but are prevented from the want of Men, Capt. Middleton has been three or four Days past endeavouring to procure a sufficient Number on Hire without Effect. We therefore shall take it as a particular Favor if you will furnish him with eight Soldiers to enable him to proceed down the Bay.

Colo. Adams.

532 In Council, 9th June, 1781.
Sir, You are hereby directed immediately to proceed down the Bay at least as far as the lower End of Poplar Island and to keep a constant look out to discover the Enemy; You are to remain below until you make Discoveries which you may think ought to be communicated to us or receive our Directions to return, for which purpose when necessary a boat will be dispatched to you.

Capt. Middleton.

In Council, 9th June, 1781.
Sir, In consequence of the Information contained in yours of Yesterday, we have ordered the Select Militia, the Troops of Horse, four hundred of the Militia of Montgomery and five hundred from Frederick to rendezvous at George Town, St. Mary's we leave to defend their County, and four hundred from Princes Georges are to march wherever they may be wanted. We request you immediately to order four hundred of the Charles County Militia and or proper Officers to be collected armed and stationed at