

538. Your Hundred of the Militia at large of your County under proper Officers
consisting of one Col. or Lieut Col. one Major eight Capt. eight Lieut
eight Ensigns and twenty four Sergeants, and march them to such places,
where the Enemy will most probably make an attempt to land, but in
case you should receive certain Intelligence that a Body of the Enemy
have landed or are about to land in any of the Counties on Patowmack
you will immediately march your Men to that place without waiting
for our Orders. We have directed the Commissaries to purchase or
seize those Cattle fit for use most exposed, and we request
your Attention to the Removal of them or any others liable to
fall into the Hands of the Enemy.
Circular, Lieut: of Prince Georges and Washington Counties.

539. Sir, In Council, 9th June, 1781.
We are favored with yours of the 1st Instant and agree
with you in Opinion that an Inspector of Brigades would be
an Officer of great Utility; but as the Law has not authorized us
to appoint or Commission any such Officer, it is not in our Power
to comply with your requests by appointing Mr. Hamilton.
Andrew Buchanan Esq

540. Sir, In Council, 10th June, 1781.
Late last Night and after our Dispatches of yesterday were closed a
Law for the Trial of Spies, and such as may join the Enemy was enacted by
the Legislature a Copy whereof you have enclosed; such a Law has
been for a long Time necessary, and it has been now hastened from the
Information given by Oreadoff.
Circular, Lieut: of Annetick and Washington Counties.

541. Sir, In Council, 11th June, 1781.
We have received yours of this Day, and have enclosed the Laws
omitted to be sent in ours of the 9th Instant to which we refer you
for your Guide in the Purchase of the Cattle. The ~~above~~ ^{above} ~~mentioned~~ ^{mentioned}
Resolution the last Week not to draw any Money from the Treasury
or to pay any Orders already drawn until they should receive further Orders
therein which prevents us from supplying you with any Money. We have
enclosed an Order on Mr. Rozier for the Barrels in his possession.
John Smith Brooker Esq