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N^o 598 That Warehouse and could not get a full Load, and has offered
fourteen Hogsheads to be put on Board this Vessel. We have wrote
to him, if it is public Tobacco to deliver it to you or your Order,
and if the Freight is under your Direction, and you approve of
the Tobacco, you will forward it in the Manner you have
engaged to forward the Tobacco heretofore delivered.
Philip Key Esq.

In Council, 29th June, 1781.
Sir, We were honored with your Letter of the 7th Instant, and
have the Pleasure to inform your Excellency that the General Assembly
599 have passed a Law to raise two Battalions of Militia to
be composed of thirteen hundred and forty effective Men in-
cluding non-Commissioned Officers to serve until the 10th Day of
December next. The State of Maryland sensible that it is of the
utmost Importance to check the farther Progress of the Enemy and
to expel them from every Part of the united States are determined
to make every possible Exertion for the Success of the State of
Virginia, and to reinforce the Army under Genl. Gosw.
They have appropriated £200,000 to be immediately struck on
British confiscated and forfeited Property aided by private
Subscriptions and Associations to the sole Purpose of carrying
on the present Campaign with unremitting Vigour, and we
flatter ourselves such is the Spirit of the People here, and their
Opinion of the Necessity of driving the Enemy from the Continent
that nothing will be left undone that can be accomplished.
The Militia as soon as they are raised and equipped shall be
marched away by Detachments in the Manner your Excellency
has advised; we have ordered three Volunteer Troops of
Militia light Horse about seventy in Number to join
the Marquis and expect they are with him by this Time.
Genl. Washington.

In Council, 30th June, 1781.
Sir, We received your Letter of the 21st Instant and are very
much concerned that our directing the special Court to be held