

In Council, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1781.

N<sup>o</sup>. 603 Sir, We have received yours of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant and have given Orders for the Discharge of all the Militia collected at George Town, which will relieve you from present Distress. The Detachment now in this City will not march for some Days, and we have no Doubt but Mr. Brookes will furnish you with a sufficient Quantity of Provision in Time for it.

W<sup>m</sup>. Thomas Beall of George Town.

In Council, 2<sup>d</sup> July, 1781.

604 Sir, It is not in our Power to order any Money to you at present the General Assembly having directed that none of the Bills of Credit now in Circulation should be issued from the Treasury, as soon as the Money to be emitted is ready, we shall be able to supply you and not till then.

W<sup>m</sup>. Edward Gaither.

In Council, 3<sup>d</sup> July, 1781.

605 Sir, We were honored with your Letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> and are much obliged to you for the Information contained in it. The General Assembly have passed a Law for collecting five hundred Horses, three hundred light Horses and three hundred draught Horses, but it is out of our Power to inform you precisely when they will be procured and forwarded, whatever we can do shall be effected.

A Law has also passed to raise two Battalions of Militia to be composed of thirteen hundred and forty effective men including the now-commissioned Officers to serve until the Tenth Day of December next and to be subject to the continental Articles of War. This Body of Men is intended for the Defense and Protection of Virginia and of this State in Case the War should be transferred to it. We have ordered the Baltimore and Frederick Militia light Horse amounting to about Seventy to join you and we expect, they are with you before this, the Horses are good and the Men unquestionably brave active good and well equipped, about four hundred Regulars well disciplined and officered will march to your Assistance from hence in a few Days