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We want a number of Teams to remove the public Stores and Papers, and therefore request you to forward immediately to this Post the Waggon and Teams collected by you, we need not say more to you as you will see the Necessity of forwarding without Delay.

Circular, Collector of Taxes for western Shore?

Sir,

In Council, 4th Aug. 1781.

We request you to station persons on whom you can depend upon such Points as command the most extensive View of the Bay to give Information of the Approach of the Enemy which you will be so obliging as to communicate to this Board by Express immediately on receipt, of it.

Circular, for Lieut. of St. Mary's and Calvert Counties.

Sir,

In Council, 4th Aug. 1781.

We have this Moment received the enclosed Intelligence, so that the Destination of the Enemy against this State no longer remains doubtful, we are taking every possible Measure for Defence. We have about five hundred Regulars at this City, and have ordered all the select Militia and all the Companies of light Horse of this Shore, and all the Draughts and recruits to rendezvous at this Post and Baltimore Town and shall order out the Militia in the Vicinity of those posts. You will observe that the Marquis's Forces are marching, to ^{assist us} join us. We think there is strong Probability that this Movement is a consequence of the material Plan mentioned in Germain's Letter and after ravaging our Coasts and Shores, they will attempt to establish themselves at Elk. We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Dilghman's Letter of the 1st Instant and think it absolutely necessary your Honours should be immediately informed of the Movements and Designs of the Enemy have taken the Liberty to direct the Commodore to return without Delay with this Letter. (Your Assistance in having the Draughts forwarded from the several Counties will oblige us.

President of the Special Council.

Sir,

In Council, 4th Aug. 1781.

We request you make Sale of the Tobacco for the year