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In Council, 6th Aug. 1781.

Sir, We find you the forty Pounds mentioned in our Letter of the 3^d Inst. which did not go by Landsdale's Boy, as he did not call for it. The Sheriff at this Post are starving, it is impossible to say more to you on that Subject than heretofore, you must without a Moments Delay collect at least twenty Head of Cattle in any part of your County, and forward them immediately, and the residue of our former Order as you here after as possible.

John Smith Brookes. Esq.

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In Council, 6th Aug. 1781.

Sir, Our guard Post is this Minute returned, the Capt. Bryan has been as low down the Bay as point look out, which place he left yesterday at 12 o'clock noon, he has kept a very strict look out on both shores, but could not see or hear of the approach of the Enemy; as the wind is now fresh at South, if they intend to this Place they must appear within twenty four Hours. You may depend on having immediate Intelligence if any thing material occurs.

Andrew Buchanan Esq.

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In Council, 7th Aug. 1781.

Sir, We are informed by Mr. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia that two Deserters of the Virginia continental Line are in St. Marys County on the east Side of St. Marys River, their names Rowen McKenny and John McKenny, John is married to a woman of St. Georges Island. Purpley Nash is another Deserter. Mr. Lee describes them as atrocious piratical Villains who have armed themselves and attempt to plunder and raise a crew of Desperadoes to ravage both Sides of the river Patowmack. We request you to take effectual Measures to apprehend those Men and send them under a Guard to Mr. Lee.

Richard Barnes Esq.

In Council, 8th Aug. 1781.

Sir, The Intelligence received for some Days and this Morning induces us to think the Enemy have declined to make the