

inhabitants of the place, further than to purchase
under your inspection the provisions they may be
absolutely in need of to carry them to the nearest
French post - and for the means of doing this
we recommend it to you to apply to the civil
Magistrates of (Baltimore), who we are
persuaded will lend their countenance and autho-
-rity to your procuring a force for the said
-purpose if necessary - We are &c

James Brice Presid^t

The Collector of the
Customs port of
(Baltimore) -

In Council Annapolis
August 23. 1793

Sir

80 Your communications of the 6th instant
arrived in the absence of Governor Lee, who is gone
to the Virginia Springs; They were of course taken
into consideration by the Council, whose assistance
the Governor, for the reasons stated to you in
his letter of the 6th June last has constantly
required in matters of this kind - We immediately
adopted the expedient of deputing a Member
to Baltimore, furnished with all the authority