

to act they will contribute their utmost Ex-
ertions towards Objects so proper and
necessary. — But they are not satisfied
that it will be warrantable in them to go
as far as they are required to do. — They
do not conceive that they have officially
any power to direct the fort to be put
in a posture of Defence — And if money
should be advanced for that purpose by
Individuals they cannot undertake in any
manner to pledge the public for payment.

Those who make such advances
must depend on the pleasure of the General
Assembly for reimbursement without con-
sidering the Executive as making any
Engagement in their favour on behalf of
the State. — So far as it may be practica-
ble for us to furnish Arms &c we will
with the Governors Concurrence cheerfully
give our assistance — We are &c

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