

Annapolis September 12<sup>th</sup> 1794

Sir,

I have had the Honour to receive your letters of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of this month. I had already been informed of the turbulent disposition manifested in Baltimore County and at Hagers Town, as also of similar proceedings at Fort Cumberland and had been deliberating, whether the circumstances disclosed were of sufficient importance and authenticity to justify a public notice of them. The earnest manner in which I find myself called upon in your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant to use all legal methods for suppressing this dangerous spirit in its origin has decided me to issue a Proclamation on the subject to which the President may be assured, I shall add every possible effort of authority and influence that may aid the object in view.

In conformity with the President's directions intimated in your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup>, I shall without delay give orders for the march of our quota of Militia to Williams Port excepting a part which I shall push on immediately to Fort Cumberland, having reason to apprehend that the Militia of that Quarter which are all that I originally proposed to assemble there, are not to be depended on but may require some others to keep them steady.

I had on the first notice of suspicious appearances in that part of the State, directed Brigadier General Bayley to establish a Guard not less than that of a Captain over the Magazine and Ammunition at Frederick Town and I have reason to believe that my orders have been carefully obeyed, but in consequence of information just received of some alarming indications in the neighbourhood of that place, I shall immediately send instructions for doubling the Guard and shall urge the Commanding Officer to give the most vigilant attention to the safety of these objects.

I have already at the request of the Field Officers of the Militia forwarded to them under the care of an escort from Frederick Town some hundred Stand of Arms and some ammunition, which being placed in proper hands will I trust enable them to keep the peace until the Troops arrive.

I have understood that part of the Eastern Shore Militia were already arrived at Baltimore and the whole body will probably be ready in two or three days to proceed, I hope therefore that if the Congress should not have been sent forward before this reaches you, immediate orders will be given for their being dispatched with the necessary articles.