

every day gaining Acquisitions of Strength. that the Declarations, the Conduct
and the Views of these turbulent Men are of the most licentious and daring
Nature. that they have established a Correspondence and connection
themselves with the Insurgents of Pennsylvania. that they have refused
to submit to the Draft prescribed by the Orders of the Commander in Chief
or in any Manner to aid the Object of the President. that they have
supported this Refusal by a Show of Force, and in some Instances by the
Actual Use of it. that they have erected Liberty Poles at Various places
and guarded them by armed Bodies of Men. that they are endeavoring
to collect in sufficient force for the purpose of attacking and
plundering the public Armoury and Magazine at Frederick Town.
and that in short every thing wears the aspect of Confusion and
Danger. -

I had already provided, as far as former Accounts had
suggested the necessity, against the Spirit above described, by ord-
ering a Captains Guard for the security of the Armoury and
Magazine. by putting arms into the Hands of the well affected
Militia in and about Frederick Town. and by ordering two
Hundred Stand of Arms &c into Allegany, to be distributed by
Major Lynn among such of the Militia in that County as could be
safely relied on. -

These Precautions I am apprehensive are very far from
being adequate to their Object in the present Situation of Affairs.
and as a late Letter from the War Office, counts upon the most effec-
ent Measures on my Part, for guarding against even the possible
Effects of the above Disturbances (a partial Account of which had
reached the President) and as it is certainly of the last Importance
that under circumstances so peculiarly emergent, prompt and
decisive Steps should be pursued, it is obvious that a strong Body of
Troops ought to be immediately marched to and stationed at Frederick
Town, under a spirited intelligent Officer to act as occasion may require.

It is presumed that a Detachment competent to the contemplated
Service may be formed by procuring from the two Companies of Artillery
in Baltimore Town and on Fells Point, a Number of Men and
Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers sufficient to form one
complete Company with the proper Field pieces &c. from the Regt
of Horse in Baltimore Town, a Number sufficient to form one
complete Troop properly mounted and equipped. from the
Militia in General of Baltimore Town and Point, three Hundred
Men, to serve as Infantry with proper Officers, and from the
Artillery, Horse and Infantry of Annapolis, George Town and
City of Washington an equal number of each.