

It is presumed that a Detachment competent to the contemplated service may be formed by procuring Artillery Men Infantry and Horse according to the plan enclosed: - and I feel a Confidence that the Nature of this Emergency arising within our own Government will enable you (on whose Agency I in part rely) to obtain Volunteers to the Extent of the within Arrangement so far as it respects the Limits of your Command. But if, contrary to my Expectation, there should be any Reluctance to serve on an occasion so evidently pressing itself on every Friend to his Country the power of the laws must be resorted to for procuring the Troops required by a speedy Draft. which must be confined (except in the Instance of General Crabb's Quota) to the Inhabitants of your District on account of the Difficulty and Delay of making a General one.

As fast as the Men (to be raised in your District) can be procured you will be pleased to cause them to march with all possible Dispatch by the nearest Route to Frederick Town where they will be furnished with Arms and other proper Equipments

The Command of the whole Detachment will be offered to Colonel Stricker. but it will be necessary that to the Troops drawn from your District and that of General Crabb a Major should be appointed. and this I leave entirely to you.

The Troops must be supplied on their March in the manner prescribed in the General Orders of this Date.

It will occur as inadmissible that Drafts and Volunteers for the Western Expedition should be received on this occasion from the Militia in Baltimore Town and Fell's Point. to serve as Infantry.

Brigadier General
Wm. Forest

Sam. Hc
Thos. J. Lee

Council Chamber September 13. 1774

Sir

I have received Intelligence of a most alarming Nature from General Bayly, Colonel Sprigg and others relative to the Spirit of Disorder now existing in Washington and Allegany and actual Riots and Disturbances that have taken place in consequence. - It is represented that Combinations inimical