

Council Chamber September 13th 1794

Sir

I have received your letter of the 11th Instant the contents of which joined to other Communications of the same nature have given a spur to the execution of the President's directions which arrived last Night for marching the Quota of Militia to be furnished by this State immediately to their General Bendezvous at Williams Port.

I shall however leave a discretionary power in the Commanding Officer at Frederick Town to send a part of them immediately to Hagers Town either to remain there or to pass on to Fort Cumberland as circumstances shall indicate. Nothing shall be neglected on my part to protect the well disposed inhabitants of Washington County, and I expect at the same time that their own exertions will not be wanting. I view the danger to which the Arms and ammunition are exposed in so serious a light that I have made an extra Requisition on the Militia of this Quarter of the State which from appearances will be cheerfully complied with.

Lieut Colo

Thomas Sprigg

I am &c

Tho: J. Lee

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Sir

Since forwarding my letter of yesterday's Date I have received Intelligence of a most alarming Nature from Brigadier General M'ay by Colo Sprigg and others relative to the Spirit of Disorder now existing in Washington and Allegany Counties in this State. and actual Riots and Disturbances that have taken place in consequence.

It is represented that Combinations inimicable to the Measures of Government are every Day gaining Acceptions of Strength. That the Declarations the Conduct and the Views of those involved in these Combinations are of the most licentious and daring Nature. that they have established a Correspondence and connected themselves with the Insurgents of Pennsylvania. that they have refused to submit to the Draft prescribed by my Orders under the late Requisition of the President or in any Manner to aid the Object of the intended Expedition. 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 have made Declarations in Favour of