

a Revolution - that they have refused to acknowledge the Militia Officers appointed by the constitutional Authority asserting the Right of making such appointments in themselves and in some Instances acting accordingly. that they are endeavouring to collect in force sufficient to attack and plunder the public Armoury and Magazine at Frederick Town - and that in short every thing wears the aspect of Confusion and Danger.

I had already as stated in my last provided (as far as former Accounts had suggested the Necessity) against the Spirit above described by ordering 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, a Gentleman of Merit, among such of the Militia in that Country as could be safely relied on.

Under a Persuasion that these Measures were greatly inadequate to their object in the Situation of Affairs as above Represented - and feeling the vast Importance of protecting the public Arms and Military Stores from the attempts of these lawless Associations and of overawing in its Infancy by a Display of Strength and firmness this dangerous and turbulent Spirit I have ordered the immediate Formation of a Detachment of about seven Hundred Militia (including Artillery and Horse) from Baltimore Town. the City of Annapolis George Town and City of Washington and the Upper Part of Montgomery County - to be marched without Delay to Frederick Town as a Station to act as Circumstances may require.

I feel a Confidence that this Operation will be speedily completed - and that its Effect will be to check (without Violence or Bloodshed which a smaller Force would probably be unable to avoid) the Views of these Misguided Men and to reduce them to Quiet and Obedience.

But if Measures of a less decided complexion are resorted to I am really apprehensive that the Consequences will be fatal and that Submission will ultimately be produced with Difficulty.

In order to enable me to carry the foregoing Views into Execution and to answer the Demands which the March and Subsistence of the Troops heretofore required would occasion. I have been compelled to request from Mr. Gale an Advance of Money to the amount of six Hundred Dollars (exclusive of a former advance of fifteen Hundred Dollars) to be