

Service from both the Companies, but shall be content with the immediate service of one half of them; to be relieved (if circumstances will permit) by the Remainder at some convenient season.

The Designation of those who are to take the first tour both Officers and Men I leave to you, but wish you to consult the Officers and Men to those public spirited Citizens, whose behaviour entitles them to every indulgence and to the greatest praise. If however this arrangement does not meet their wishes, they will avail themselves of the acceptance already expressed and proceed accordingly.

Brigadier General

Samuel Smith

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In Council September 18<sup>th</sup> 1794

Sir

In the absence of the Governor, we have received Information from General Smith, that the Spirit of Insurrection in the upper Counties of this State has arisen to so alarming a Height, as actually to prompt a part of the misguided Inhabitants to embody for the purpose of marching to Frederick Town, with the object, no doubt, of obtaining possession of the States' Armory and Magazine. - The prompt and vigorous arrangements adopted by the Governor on the Receipt of the Intelligence, announced in his Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant, will, it is hoped, not only prevent the Execution of this daring and profligate Design, but awe the persons concerned in it into future Submission. -

You will perceive by the enclosed Copy of General Smith's Letter above alluded to, that a Number of Infantry and Horse from Baltimore had probably arrived at Frederick Town some Days ago, sufficient in conjunction with the Troops already stationed there, as to give timely and effectual opposition to the meditated attack. -

It is certain too, that about three Hundred Infantry and thirty or forty Horse from General Forrest's Brigade, and a part of Infantry and Horse from General Davidson's Brigade, had marched for the same Station in Time to reach it before the Insurgents could arrive there. - and we have every Reason to believe that the Troops required from General Crabbs' Brigade had also commenced their March in Time.

The Governor has thought it advisable to proceed in