

will not be displeas'd when they are made acquainted with the reasons, which influenced us.
We make this communication to you that you may be at once apprized, that Major
Williams is to have the command of the entire Squadron and because the Governor, having
been oblig'd to attend one of the Courts in the County there as a Witness, it is doubtless
when he will be able to return in the answer of the Governor to Major Williams, he
may not have mentioned to him of what troops he is to have the command. You will
have the goodness therefore to give him the information. We are &
Lieutenant Colonel Henry Highman Alexander C. Magruder

In Council Annapolis April 16/1813

Sir

Information having been received here, that the Enemy has been on your shores
and an engagement taken place, between them and the Militia, we have thought
it necessary, as the Governor is not yet arriv'd, and the communication with him
cut off, to make some provision for the subsistence of those, who may be call'd into
service. With that view, we have writt'n to Mr. Joseph Gough, and directed him
to procure necessaries for the Militia while in service.

The Commander in Chief upon his arrival, will give the necessary orders.
We send by Waggon's under the care of Mr. Eaton five hundred Stand of
Arms ten thousand Bullets cartridge Cases sixty Cannon Ball fifty
Cannister shot, five hundred Cartouch Boxes and two thousand five hundred
flints. You will be pleas'd to procure Powder in the County. This infor-
mation you will have the goodness to give to the other Colonel of your County.
Lieutenant Colonel Henry Ashton We are &
Saint Marys County Alexander C. Magruder

In Council Annapolis April 16/1813

Sir

The Council have appointed you Contractor to furnish the Militia that may
be call'd out to repel any Invasion of the British in Saint Marys County. You
will purchase at the cheapest rates the necessary provision for the Militia that
may be call'd into service. In the event of your declining this appointment, you