

and to put you in cash have sent you by Capt Hyde 1000 pounds currency.

Our information before your letter came to hand was that the ship anchored short of the mouth of Patuxco, but that the tenders went forward; we have some companies out to guard the shore on this side Patuxco and as low as the mouth of Magothey River. As yet we have received no intelligence this morning we can defend upon from that quarter.

We doubt not your exerting yourself on this occasion for the publick service and your own preservation. Mr Carroll is on the spot and will order powder and lead from Major Gaithers should any be wanted. We yesterday ordered Colonel Thomas Donsey to march with the Elk Ridge Battalion and are making all necessary dispositions to prevent their landing in case they should return to Annapolis.

To Committee of Observation
for Balt County.

(We are with due regard Sent
Yours Obedt Servt)

Sir.

A ship of war and two tenders past this harbor yesterday afternoon on their way we imagine to Baltimore Town. We apprise you of this that you may immediately order your Battalion to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning. You will make the best preparation in your power and as the communication may be cut off between the two shores which may prevent our giving particular instructions and as some efforts may be made to land among you with a view of getting provisions, we desire you will order and direct them as exigencies may require and endeavour to repel any hostile attempt which may be made within your district. Mr Thomas Smith is now at Charles Town and we request you will advise with him occasionally.

To Brigadier Chamberlain.
Sir.

And a cty.

Your request with regards to Mr Frazer hath been complied with. He has got his Commission made out.

We have some Linen and Cloth but we doubt not enough for the Battalion and Independent Companies, therefore get for yourself, if you can, if not we will endeavour to supply you. Hatts we will procure at Baltimore Town. Blankets and Guns you may get for yourself at reasonable prices. Our arms are very slow in coming from the Northward and few have been made. The main of war and Tenders have gone past this town towards Baltimore. You must be on your guard and spirit it up your Company to attend their motions in case they should attempt landing. We think you ought not to go to Philadelphia until this alarm is over.

J. W. Hindman.

per order.

Ordered that Capt James Footel provide a sergeant and eight men of the militia to guard the magazines near his house and that he endeavour to hire that number of men who will keep guard constantly — and let us know the lowest price at which they can be got.

Sir. A man of war and two tenders passed this harbor yesterday afternoon and we imagine are destined to Baltimore, but as it is altogether uncertain what their designs are, and as we wish to put the province in the best state of defence, our

Circumstances