

To Deputies in Congress.
 Gentlemen. The bearer hereof Col. Ewing will have occasion to spend some little time in your County in forwarding the raising the men for the flying camp, purchasing arms and blankets for them, and promoting in other respects the public service; as he is pretty much a stranger in your part of the Province he may be at a loss perhaps, unless he receives some assistance from you, we therefore take the liberty of introducing him to you and shall be obliged for any assistance you may give him or any favours you may shew him.

To the Committee of Observation }
 for ——— County } We are &c.
 Sir. We received yours of the 1st and by the same opportunity we also from Col. Richd. Barnes informing us that Lord Dunbar and the fleet were within the mouth of Potowmack and as he heard intended to take possession of an Island called St. Georges Island, but as their designs are uncertain, we think you had better give notice to your Battalion to keep themselves in readiness to march to oppose any attempt they may make to land in your County and likewise to assist in any neighbouring County, Captain Beall will have orders from us to remain in St. Marys County with Col. Barnes to watch the motions of the enemy and to regulate his motions accordingly, he will move to you if there should be a necessity, we have wrote to Brigadier Dent who will take the command of the militia and Regular forces in his District, you will communicate this to Col. Marshall if should have returned to your County. We are &c.

To Col. Alex. Somerville }
 Calvert County } In Council of Safety
 Annapolis July 15th 1776.
 Sir. We expect this will find you in St. Marys County as we hear from Col. Somerville that you marched from Drumpoint on the 15th it is impossible for us to give absolute and particular directions to you as the designs of the enemy are not known to us, we can only instruct you to watch their motions and regulate your own accordingly you will stay in St. Marys County so long as you apprehend the enemy may have any design of landing there or making any attempt to distress or plunder the inhabitants, if they should move from thence to any other part up Potowmack or up the Bay to land on this shore you will follow them with all the dispatch you can, we have sent instructions to Brigadier Dent to take the command of the militia and regular forces in his District whose orders when they reach you, you will obey.

To Captain Rezin Beall }
 St. Marys County } We are &c.
 In Council of Safety July 15th 1776.
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