

N^o 30 To Genl Dwy of Weems (respectably)

Sir The Council of Safety have this Moment received by Express an Account, that a large Ship of War, and two Tenders were this Afternoon considerably above the Mouth of Patuxent, and it is supposed they are now off Annapolis whether they intend into our River, or to Baltimore is not known. But be their Destination to either Place, it is absolutely necessary to have your Battalion in Reading to march at an Hour's Warning.

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N^o 31. To the Committees of Observation for the several Districts of Frederick County.

Gent^l You heretofore received from the Council of Safety an Order to collect all the Public Arms in your District, and return a State thereof — the public service now requires that they should ^{be sent} down to Annapolis as soon as possible — We therefore request you to send whatever Public Arms may be in your Custody, or Power, to us in Annapolis by Captain Thickers's Company, or
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