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John Hancock Esq. President of Congress

Sir, We received yours of the 22^d by Friday's post, and we made out the necessary dispatches for calling forth the Militia in Beaufort, Halifax, Annapolis, Prince Georges, Kent and Queen Anns Counties. Expresses go off to day.

General Smallwood hath heretofore delivered us a List of Subalterns, to whom we have given Warrants for Recruiting, and shall hereafter give them commissions, either as Second Lieutenants, or Ensigns according to their merit, and the Diligence & Activity they show up Recruiting. — We thought this step most advisable, and that it would expedite the Service. Some money is necessary, and proper to be lodged here to give out to Officers occasionally, they frequently call on us, and think it hard to be obliged to ride up to Baltimore — whatever you may order, shall be delivered out to some of the Field Officers, and their receipts taken. We are &c

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Circular letter to the Colonies and Commissioners of Counties &c.

Sir, Inclosed we send you copy of a Resolution of Congress for marching the Militia of this State to re-inforce General Washington. — The Councils of Safety have determined to request the Militia of Annapolis, Prince Georges, Kent, &c.