

any we will take it. We return you our Thanks for your kind offer & are &c

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John Hancock Esquire

Sir We are honoured with your favour of the 10th instant which we have laid before the General Assembly & shall pay due regard to the resolution of Congress respecting Provision of Arms Lying within this State.

P.S. The Virginia Troops are discharged from the service they were intended for Somerset & Worcester Counties. We are &c

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General Hooper

Sir We acknowledge the Receipt of yours of the 10th inst. which we are much obliged in consequence of your Letter expressing apprehensions that some Insurgents may appear, the General Assembly have determined to send down & they are now here ready to march, General Smallwood, with the second Virginia Regiment, Capt Deans Company, Capt Godmans Company the Independents of Baltimore, Annapolis with some of the Militia, two field pieces - These Troops will move forward with all Expedition, & we hope will be such an additional Reinforcement as will be able speedily to put an End to this Affair - The List you mention not to have received, we herewith enclose you a copy of your Proceedings in this unhappy Dispute are pleasing and highly satisfactory, & we beg leave to assure you that we are &c

P.S. We beg to hear from you as frequently as possible, for should the Business be shortly terminated, it may prevent these Troops going out of their way, who are now much wanted at Camp in Jersey -

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