

c. c. Delay in complying with our order for Arms &^{ca} from Cecil. We presume we are as well acquainted with the Circumstances of the different Parts of the State as any Body in it, and in judging Baltimore to be a first Object, in this State, with the Enemy, we but give into the common Opinion. The Arms sent to Cecil, we designed only for temporary Service, and not to appropriate them for the Use of that County; too much may eventually depend on the Arms being at Baltimore for us to omit requiring in the most positive Terms, that those ordered be sent with all Dispatch. We will send you some Powder, as soon as we have an Opportunity, but cannot possibly send a Boat at present with it. It is not in our Power to take Maj^r Savin's Commission from him or to prevent its Effect, but should imagine that, if he considers that the End of its being given to him was only to enable him to serve his Country when he sees the very contrary Effect, he will, if he deserves to hold it, as willingly give it up as he accepted it, and we think you would do an essential Service to your County & Country in bringing about a Resignation

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[Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 1st June 1779 12 o'clock

Sir.

M^r Chever, who was in the Plater Lookout Boat, which was ordered as low as the Mouth of Patuxent, has this Moment come to Town; he says that yesterday Afternoon, as the Plater was taking in Water at M^r Carroll's, they saw 3 large Ships with 2 small Vessels opening to the Mouth of Patuxent, that they endeavoured to get out of the Mouth of the River in the Plater, but the Ships came up so fast, they could not; that M^r Steward who commanded the Plater said he had no Doubt that the Ships were English Men of War & the small Vessels Tenders. He (Chever) was put on Shore at Col^o Fitzhugh's & rode all Night to bring the Intelligence. He says, a little before Sun down he saw one of the Ships about Barren Island under an easy Sail. This Intelligence is very unexpected after our having heard last Night from unquestionable Authority that the Enemy had gone out of the Bay; it can't be accounted for but on a Supposition that the Enemy had turned out only to amuse us. Pray advise us whether you are likely soon to get the Arms from Elk. We shall write you again soon.

We are &^{ca}

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