

Liber C C of this State, and we doubt not, Provision will be made by the
 No. 22 Legislature, for returning the Sum you may advance, in a short
 Time

p. 207 [Council to Wm. Smith, Sam'l & Robt Purveyance & others
 Merchts in Baltimore]

Gentⁿ The Enclosure is a Copy of a Letter just received from the Mouth of Patuxent by which you will perceive that some of the Enemy's Vessels are at present in that River. We hope there may be some Vessels equipped in your Harbour of sufficient Force to prevent their getting off with their Booty, The Value of the Vessels and the great Plunder they are probably encumbered with make them an inviting Object of Profit while their Force is not so considerable as to discourage an Attempt. Our State Boats are down the Bay and may probably join any Vessels you may send. We can furnish 15 or 20 Soldiers to assist in manning them and will chearfully render every Assistance in our Power as to Arms and Ammunition.

[Council to Jeremiah T. Chase Esqr]

Sir We enclose you a List of Tobacco, which we wish to have sold, to answer the most pressing Demands which you are well apprised of. M^r Hammond and others have offered to purchase. If M^r Calhoun has not sold the Tobacco transmitted to him, you will be so obliging to endeavour to dispose of the 150 Hogsheads agreeable to the List. 50 £ p C^t and 4 p Cent for Cask to be paid immediately or at the Delivery of the Notes, in Continental Money. Our embarrassing Situation with Respect to Money will be a sufficient Appology for giving you this Trouble

[Council to Colo Joseph Wilkinson or the Commdg Offr of the Calvert Militia]

Sir We request you to order such of the Militia of your County on Duty as may appear to you to be necessary to repel the Enemy now in that Part of this State, and have them properly armed and accoutered with those Arms in Calvert County belonging to the Public and others. You will take Care to post them in such Manner as will prevent as much as possible, the Inhabitants from being plundered, and to regain the Property they have already lost. You will give us the earliest Information of the Strength and Movements of the Enemy and of every material Occurence. Col^o Smith has Directions from us, to supply the Militia with Provision. We expect to hear from you by the Return of this Express

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[Council to ———]

Sir We have directed the commanding Officers of the Militia in Calvert County to call into Service a Part of the Militia, and request