

June 9 Patowmack, among which was a large Ship as high as Blackstones  
 Liber No. 78 Island. We wish to have the State Boat down the Bay on the look  
 p. 183 out but are prevented from the want of Men, Capt Middleton has  
 been three or four Days past endeavouring to procure a sufficient  
 Number on Hire without Effect. We therefore shall take it as a par-  
 ticular Favor if you will furnish him with eight Soldiers to enable  
 him to proceed down the Bay.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Middleton.]

You are hereby directed immediately to proceed down the Bay at  
 least as far as the lower End of poplar Island and to keep a constant  
 look out to discover the Enemy. You are to remain below until you  
 make Discoveries which you may think ought to be communicated to  
 us or receive our Directions to return, for which Purpose when  
 necessary a boat will be dispatched to you.

Ibid. [Council to Francis Ware, Esqr.]

In Consequence of the Information contained in yours of yester-  
 day, we have ordered the Select Militia, the Troops of Horse, four  
 hundred of the Militia of Montgomery and five hundred from Fred-  
 erick to rendezvous at George Town, St. Mary's we leave to defend  
 their County and four hundred from Prince Georges are to march  
 wherever they may be wanted. We request you immediately to order  
 p. 184 four hundred of the Charles County Militia under proper Officers to  
 be collected armed and stationed at the most advantageous Posts  
 for Defence, if the Enemy attempt to land in your County, but should  
 you receive Intelligence of their being landed or about to land in  
 either of the adjoining Counties, you will immediately march such  
 Parts of your Militia as may be necessary to that place so as to assist  
 in repelling the Enemy without waiting for our further Orders.

See the Post Script about the Companies and number of officers in  
 the circular letter.

Ibid. [Council to Thomas Richardson, Esqr.]

The Troops of light Horse and other Militia are ordered im-  
 mediately to George Town, if you have not a sufficient Quantity of  
 Forage to supply them, we request you will immediately procure it  
 on the best Terms you can and in the most expeditious Manner.

Ibid. [Council to Capt. Nicholas R. Moore.]

Yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant we have received, the necessary Forage  
 &<sup>ca</sup> will be provided before you reach George Town. M<sup>r</sup> Ridley is  
 appointed Adjutant to the Troops of light Horse ordered into Ser-  
 vice, and we have enclosed you a blank Warrant for a Quarter Master,  
 which you will fill up as appears to you proper, you are also em-