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leave to refer their Lordships to
 the enclosed letter from the
 Quarter Master General: Upon
 the return of the Troops to the Island
 on the 18th the Army Squadron
 remained near this place until
 the 22nd, when after having large
 supplies of fresh Provisions and
 Stock, and the Artillery & Officers
 having been furnished with Rewards
 for their Service: And it having
 been ascertained that upwards
 Seven Thousand Troops were as-
 sembled at Baltimore exclusive
 the Flotilla & Works established
 that City, and that a Corps of
 Thousand men were around An-
 napolis and others expected from
 Washington, and the defences of
 that Town much increased: Sir
 Sydney Bickwith having agreed
 with me that an Attack upon
 the Force with us would be
 very doubtful; I gave Orders
 for the whole of the several