

and are truly sorry for the Occasion of it, wishing, as we are sure you do, to avoid the Necessity of shedding the Blood of our Countrymen. We inclose you a Proclamation, offering Forgiveness for the past, on Condition of dispersing and deceasing to oppose the Execution of the Law in future, which we desire may be printed & generally dispersed immediately. We shall order a Detachment of our Matrosses from hence with two Field Pieces, and have to Day ordered 10 Companies of Militia from St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert to relieve the Militia at Camp and, yesterday, the first and second Class from Washington, with the same intention.

The same day, and prior to receiving the letter from the governor and Council, Buchanan wrote them that he had just received a note from Col. Charles Carnan reporting that the ringleaders of the insurrection had been seized and that "the Person whose Goods were to be sold, and first made the Opposition, has paid his money [for a substitute]," adding that he hoped others in the area would follow his example. By October 7, Buchanan could report, first, that he had received the proclamation forwarded by the governor and Council, and second, that the affair seemed nearly to be at an end. Col. Thomas Gist had arrested five of the insurgents, others were still being sought, and the militia of the county were now expected to meet on the 24th to march to the north to relieve the militia whose terms were to expire on November 3.

Even before the Baltimore County insurrection could be quashed, the governor and Council had to consider the problems of recalcitrants on the Eastern Shore. On October 2, they ordered the sheriff of Anne Arundel County to "receive into his Custody the bodies of Jesse Gray, Hambleton Callilo and Daniel Melson, charged with Treason against this State." These ringleaders of the insurrection on the Lower Eastern Shore, which had occurred sporadically throughout the year, were not the only problem faced by state officials during the month, as a letter from Charles Rumsey, dated October 8, indicated. In a letter dated October 8, Rumsey wrote from Cecil County: "I'm informed it's a common thing for our People to supply the Enemy in Wilmington with Provisions, we have not a Guard to stop them Nor to give them the least Check from going where they Please in this County." Rumsey asked that additional militia units be called up for service in the county, believing that they "would give a Little