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It being of the utmost Importance that the nine Battalions heretofore raised within this Commonwealth and now in Continental service, should be compleated, and the six new Battalions for the same service, as well as the three Battalions on the pay of this Commonwealth, raised with all possible Expedition

Resolved that it be earnestly recommended to the Justices, the Members of the County Committees, the Militia Officers and the other good People of this Commonwealth, to use their best Endeavours to forward and encourage the recruiting Service upon which the Safety and Happiness of their Country so much depends, And Whereas the present imminent Danger of America, and the ruin and Misery which threatens the good People of this Commonwealth and their posterity, calls for the utmost Exertion of our Strength, and it is become necessary for the preservation of the State that Additional Powers be given to the Governor and Council during a limited time, for the more speedy Execution of the most Vigorous & effectual Measures to repel the Invasion of the Enemy

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

Resolved therefore that the Governor be and he is hereby fully Authorized and empowered by and with the advice and consent of the privy Council from hence forward, until Tuesdays next after the first meeting of the General Assembly, to carry into Execution such Requisitions as may be made to this Commonwealth by the American Congress, for the purpose of encountering or repelling the Enemy, to Order the three Battalions on the pay of this Commonwealth to March (if necessary) to join the Continental Army, or to the Assistance of any of our Sister States, to call forth any, and such greater Military Force as they shall judge requisite, either by embodying Arraying Companies or Regiments of Volunteers or by raising Additional Battalions appointing and Commissioning their proper Officers and to direct their Operations within this Commonwealth under the Command of the Continental Generals or other Officers according to their respective Ranks or Order them to March to join and Act in Concert with the Continental Army, or the Troops of any of the United American States, and to provide for their pay Supply