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To His Excellency Thos Johnson Esqr
Governor of
Maryland

Sir

Not being able to Procure a Boat to send to Elk for the Arms &c all Persons having Vessells have run up the Bay into the different Creeks to secure them. I sent to Mr Barnaby and requested he would send them down by some safe opportunity. the Express just returnd and informs me that the Stores of all sorts are remaid to Nottingham and that the Arms &c will be sent for and sent immediately down if Possible but when is very uncertain. the Militia from this County being called out begin to be very dissatisfied in so much I am afraid it will be out of my Power to prevail on them to stay much longer. the intelligence from below is so imperfect & their Crops suffering that I know not what Arguments to make use of to induce them to continue, I suppose you were to give Orders for their discharge & to hold themselves in readiness to march at the Shortest notice, such of them that will readily render every Service in their Power in this County I think could be Collected in about two days. and Surely if their is a good look out by Water we shall have some previous notice of the Enemies intention this Way. however what you think most Eligible shall be a rule for my Conduct and every Necessary step in my Power shall be taken for the good of the Service, we have here in number armd about 800 Men and many without Arms. Thousand of have very few Cartridge Boxes &c

I am &c
And Buchanan

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