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also advised the Col. to order the Officers and Men on the Recruiting Service, to rendezvous immediately at the most convenient of the two Ports of Annapolis and Port Tobacco, to be in Readiness to march or embark for Petersburg. The Clothing you require except the Shoes, Hats and Blankets, of which we have none here, shall be delivered to Col. Bonest who has an Opportunity of sending them by one of your Waggon We are &c.  
General Smallwood.

In Council Annap<sup>s</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1700

Sir

102 You are to proceed down the Chesapeake in the Plater State Boat and keep a careful and diligent Look out for the Ships of War and Cruisers of the Enemy, lest they are apprized of the Route of our Troops destined for reinforcing the Southern Army, and may attempt to intercept them on their Passage down the Bay. If, upon a careful Examination of the Vessels in the Bay, you receive any Intelligence of the Enemy, you are to give immediate Information to this Board and to the Vessels transporting Troops, which you may fall in with on your Return. We recommend the greatest Attention and Vigilance in the Execution of this important Trust, and wish you a safe Return  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Berry we are &c.

Same Letter sent to Cap<sup>t</sup> Middleton of the Dolphin, with the following Addition  
"The Letter to the Governor of Virginia must be delivered, if possible, into the Hands of some proper Officer, to be forwarded immediately to him!"

Sir

In Council Annap<sup>s</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1700

104 We are informed by Col<sup>l</sup> Stollingsworth, that a Detachment of three Thousand Troops, is to be transported immediately from the Head of Elk to Virginia, and that he cannot procure a sufficient Number of Vessels, at that Place, for this Purpose. We have enclosed you a Warrant, and must request you to undertake to execute it and get all the Vessels you can and send them to the Head of Elk; the Importance of this Service, we don't doubt, will induce you to exert yourself. The Shippers are to apply to Col<sup>l</sup> Stollingsworth at the Head of Elk for Orders. We are &c.  
M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Griest, Balt<sup>o</sup>

In Council Annap<sup>s</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1700

105 Sir. Upon the Application of the Forage Master, or other Officer who may be appointed to procure Forage for the Horses belonging to the Detachment on the March to the Southward, you are hereby requested to furnish them with the Forage necessary for their Subsistence, if the publick should be in your Hands  
Edw<sup>d</sup> Gaither Esq<sup>r</sup> We are &c.