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In consequence of the Resolutions of Congress, Letters from his Excellency  
Washington, and the Committee of Co-operation, relative to the  
the Supplies of Provisions, Horses and Waggon's allotted to be furnished by the  
State, the General Assembly, impressed with an adequate Idea of the Army  
and the indispensable Necessity of providing in the most ample Manner  
for their Relief, feeling the Difficulties that surround and embarrass  
worthy Commander in Chief, and impelled by that patriotic Zeal which  
has actuated their Conduct, upon every trying Emergency, and anxiously  
solicitous to free our illustrious General from his distressing and  
cruel Situation and to enable him to concert and execute such a  
Plan of Operations as his Wisdom may suggest, have passed the follow-  
ing Laws, "An Act to procure Recruits &c.", "A Supplement to the Act to  
"procure Recruits &c.", "An Act to expedite the raising an additional Battalion  
"of Regulars", "An Act to procure a Supply of Salt Meat for the Use of the  
"Army" and "An Act to procure an extra Supply of Provisions of the  
"Bread Kind, also Waggon's & Horses &c.", Copies of which we have the  
Honor to transmit. We have appointed Persons in the several Counties  
to carry these Laws into full Execution, and have directed them to inform  
the People, that the extraordinary Power vested in us by the Law (that  
of Seizure) will be exercised, unless they readily furnish those Articles, so  
necessary for the Army. It is not in our Power precisely to determine  
and explicitly, advise you what will be the Result of our Endeavours  
under those Acts, but we can with Confidence assure you that if the  
Abilities of our People and our utmost Exertions are competent to  
the Purposes intended to be effected by them, every Thing <sup>required</sup> will be supplied  
as expeditiously as possible. If we should fail of completing the Extraordinary  
Regiment within the Time limited, the Militia are to be ordered out to  
make up the Deficiency in the Manner directed by the Act, and then we  
shall have it in our Power to assist his Excellency with a Troop or more  
of Light Horse, composed of some of our most respectable Citizens.  
You will perceive by the enclosed Copy of an Act to encourage the raising  
a Volunter Troop of Light Horse &c. that a Number of Gentlemen in  
Baltimore Town have offered to form themselves into a Troop of Light Horse  
and to furnish themselves at their own Expence; this laudable and inter-  
ested Conduct, we hope will be emulated by the Gentlemen of the several  
Counties in this State. We shall constantly correspond with you and inform  
you of the Success in the Execution of the enclosed Laws, and give you  
full and speedy Intelligence of all Matters that may tend to promote  
the Interest of the United States and assist the Operations of this  
Campaign.

Committee of Co-operation.