

Christopher Richmond. We mention this circumstance, because we know the appointment of M<sup>r</sup> Richmond will be very agreeable to the Colonel.

There are now lodged in M<sup>r</sup> Stone's house 50 odd muskets lately imported for the use of our State, they want repairing and cleaning. We submit it to you whether we shall not best keep these muskets here to arm in a part one of our militia companies passing through this City on its way to the Flying Camp; this will save the expence and trouble of sending them to Mary<sup>d</sup>.

We are informed that there are large quantities of flint stones at the landings on Wye and Choptank rivers: these were brought by the ships as ballast and thrown out on the banks. The Congress has desired us to write to you on the subject and to procure some person who understands flints, to look after them & report to Congress whether they are good or not.

We have nothing new from N York; the post is not yet come in: We heard from Gen. Washington yesterday: all was quiet: the 10 vessels mentioned in the papers appearing in the offing at N York brought over highlanders how many we know not. As the harvest is now over, we imagine the militia will come in fast to compose the flying camp: and we hope the Mary<sup>d</sup> Militia will march with all possible expedition. We are with regard,

Gentlemen y<sup>r</sup> most hum. Servants  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Chase  
 Ch. Carroll of Carrollton.

Original.

[Barrister Carroll to Council.]

Gent. I do not know whether you have received any answer to your letter to Phil<sup>a</sup> to your Deputies desiring them to look out for an Engineer or whether they may be able to get one to come down. I therefore Introduce to you M<sup>r</sup> Allcock of Baltimore Town who from the Character I have of him will be able to do you service. He has been as I am Informed of great Help to the Gent<sup>n</sup> of Balt. Town in Designing and Erecting their fortification at Whetstone. He now at my Desire waits on you and will look at all your situations. He keeps a school in this Town and cannot very well spare the Time for his Journey. I have however prevailed on him to Ride down on a Promise of a Compensation for his Time and Trouble. You will on conversing with him judge whether he can be any Assistance to you as a Designer or otherwise. I fancy it will be Difficult to get Engineers from the North-