

are much discontented, for fear they should be kept the winter through. The Bearer M^r Hopkins who I believe goes down to sollicit favors from your House, and who has been a cadet with our troops, can give you a very good acc^t of our treatment and situation at present, and shall say nothing further on that subject. Am informed the army is to be put on a new establishment and the whole in the Continental Service, could wish to know what is to be done with the Provincial Regulars of our Province, as they seem to think they cannot be kept in the continental service without their consents; and if the contract they have entered into for the provincial service be once dissolved, I doubt they will not enter very freely into the Continental. such is also the case with the Flying Camp. the hard usage they have met with will greatly discourage them from enlisting again under the new establishment struck out by Congress, which I wish had been earlier fallen upon, as by that means we might at this day have had a well disciplined army and which I now despair of being raised very soon. Are the Maryland Independant Companies to be form'd into Battalion, it is the desire of all the officers belonging to them they should. It is very inconvenient so many companies acting together in one Battalion and subject to the command of one man. do not suppose I am speaking for myself in hopes of promotion, but that would be better for the service they should, I think that melancholy day on Long Island convinced us of the want of Field officers, having none but Major Gist to command us, who behaved as well as Man could do; therefore do again repeat I think they should as soon as possible be formed into Battalion: and if your honorable House should not think the services I have done and the line of promotion I now stand in sufficient for my advancement, shall submit to your determination. I take the liberty however of recommending my first Lieutenant A Anderson as a man worthy of promotion and as good an officer as any in the Maryland service, and have no doubt when his character is inquired into, you will find I say no more of him than he deserves. We are inform'd that a Committee is to go from each State to the Camp to know what officers will serve and their merit. I think they will generally find the Maryland Officers merit the Trust and confidence heretofore reposed in them. I must beg the favor of your notice and attention to James Morgan, first Sergeant in my company, for promotion. Am satisfied he will merit any favor that may be shewn him in that way, and have no doubt of his making a good officer. He has acted as such ever since he has been with me. Shall return with the sundry articles I can procure in two or three days. Am very sorry to hear from my brother that a report is spread among Cap^t