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No. 37.

[Council to Barnes.]

To Colonel Richard Barnes

Sir. We have yours of the 13th and are glad you sent for Captain Bealls Company, who we have the pleasure to hear marched immediately to you—we would have that Company remain with you to watch the motions of the Enemy and assist you in case they should attempt a Landing. We have wrote to Brigadier Dent to have all the Militia in his District kept in readiness to march to your assistance if there should be a necessity, he will also take on him the Command of the Independent Company—you will on all occasions send us up Notice of the Motions of the Enemy and we shall order you every assistance in our power.

15 July 1776

No. 38.

[Council to Thomas.]

To Captain John Allin Thomas

Sir. We have just received intelligence that makes it necessary for us to stop your proceeding up the Bay with your Company; we therefore desire you will immediately return with it to Annapolis.

15 July 1776

No. 39.

[Council to Hindman.]

To Captain James Hindman

Sir. We have just now received intelligence that Lord Dunmore with the Fleet under his Command is in motion about the Bay, and as his designs are uncertain, we think it necessary for the Service of the Province that you and the Company under your Command instead of proceeding up the Bay to march to Philadelphia should directly with your Company come to Annapolis where you may receive further orders.

15 July 1776

No. 40.

[Council to Hooper.]

To Brigadier General Henry Hooper

Sir,

We have just received information by Express from Saint Marys and Calvert Counties of Lord Dunmore and the Fleet under his command being removed from Gwynns Island, a small distance up Potowmack River with intention as we suppose, of landing at some place within that River, and if he should be unsuccessful in the attempt, we think it not improb-