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[Council to Assembly.]

¹¹⁹ Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

The Resolutions of the late Convention for reinlisting the old Battalion and the Independent Companies, directing one Regiment to be formed of the first and another of the latter. The Men of those Corps respectively who have gone into the Continental Service have been incorporated into the first and second Regiments, but many of the old Troops are yet scattered about, and several of the Officers have represented that they know of some of them who would cheerfully engage in the Service, if they were indulged with the Liberty of choosing in which of our Regiments to serve; The Council and I were inclined strongly, to have given the Indulgence requested, if we had considered ourselves at Liberty to do so, and submit to your Consideration, whether the General Service would not be promoted by allowing any of our Officers to inlist the old Troops, who have not yet come in. The Resolutions for raising the first of the Artillery Companies, ascertained their Pay and Cloathing; The Resolution for raising the additional Companies, allowed several further Articles of Cloathing; The Resolution of the General Assembly of the fourteenth of April last entitles them to the same Pay as the Continental marching Regiments, without saying any Thing of their Cloathing, and the Resolution of the eighteenth of April allows the Marines the same Pay and Cloathing as the Artillery Men, from whence there is no Doubt but that the Allowance of Cloathing was presumed to be alike to every Company and the Officers claim for their Men, the same Cloathing as the Continental Troops are entitled to. It is desirable that some explanatory Resolution might be passed that the Men may have their Accounts fully settled.

28th June 1777

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[Council to Col. Hooe.]

In Council Annapolis 28th June 1777

Sir.

We thought it best to send the Molly on a Cruise and thought, from the Opinion several Gentlemen of the Assembly expressed, we should have been at Liberty to do so, but the Assembly think she may be much more advantageously employed in a Voyage to import Salt and Medicines. We have therefore to request of you to procure her a Load of Tobacco as speedily as you can. We would yet have her armed and not so deep but that she may avail herself of her fast Sailing, for she is a favourite Vessel and we wish her by no Means, to fall into the Enemy's Hands. We intend to send Cap^t Conway Orders, by the Time he is ready to sail

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