

station some of the militia in the Town and neighbourhood, so c. s. c. that the Guards may be properly relieved and the duty not too severe on either Matrosses or Militia. We request you would communicate the order to him, and in his absence give directions for setting Guards of Militia accordingly. We are, &c.
To Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

[Council to Hooe.]

No. 104.

11th January 1777

Sir, It gives us a concern to hear that Captain Conway's vessel is without a master, and but few hands; we were in expectation of hearing that she was near being laden and just ready to sail. However, as matters are circumstanced we must do for the best, and therefore request you would immediately engage Captain Conway's brother as Captain of the vessel, if you think him deserving, and let him get what hands he can, and have the vessel loaded as soon as possible.

We are much obliged to you for your offer of doing all you can to forward the vessel, and rely on you accordingly. We would have you do for the best as if the vessel was your own.

To Col. Robert T. Hooe.

We are, &c.

[Council to Hooper.]

No. 105.

January 11th 1777.

Sir, We have heard from several hands some flying reports of extraordinary proceedings in the lower part of your Brigade, particularly that some disaffected persons in Somerset and Worcester Counties had talked freely of erecting the King's Standard, and had been collecting themselves into Bodies for the purpose of forming an opposition to the American cause. We request you would write to some or all of the Colonels of the Militia in those Counties to inquire into the truth of the facts alleged, and if any persons are found guilty of the Charge that they would take the necessary proofs before a magistrate, and transmit the Depositions to the Council of Safety that they may take order therein according to Law.

We are, &c.

To Brigadier General Hooper.

[Jenifer to Hall.]

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D^r Sir: I believe we forgot to write by the Virg^a Post to Col. Hooe to engage Corp^l Conway's Brother to go out in the