

the Convention into execution. Mr Wallace has been so kind as to lay before us your letter of the 20th Inst on which we shall be glad to confer with you.

Annapolis January 22^d 1776.

We are most respectfully
Your Obedt^s

To Mr Stephen Steward

West River.

Sir.

A Company of Artillery or Matroses was ordered to be raised particularly for the City of Annapolis:— this is a matter of consequence to all the Inhabitants. We therefore choose to consult the Corporation with regard to the officers, and should be obliged to you to call a Corporation some day this week or the next at furthest and let us know who that respectable body would recommend to us as proper persons for Captain and three Lieutenants.

To Mr Roberts Esq

Mayor of the City of Annapolis.

We are with due regards

Sir, Your most humble serv^t

Annapolis 23^d January 1776.

Gentlemen.

The late Convention having resolved that the records should be removed from the City of Annapolis and directed the Council of Safety to provide a fit and proper place for them, and we having determined they shall be carried to Upper Marlborough, if a safe and convenient place can be procured there for them, request you will examine into the state and condition of the Court House of your County in which, if it will answer, we had rather the records should be lodged, but if it will not, of any of the vacant Houses in the Town and provide one which you may apprehend best adapted to the purpose upon such reasonable rent as you may agree for.

Committee of Prince Georges.

Annapolis 23^d Janry 1776.

Gent.

Mr Maynard who will deliver this to you is going with letters to New York from the Governor to Mr Foxcroft. The package covers three other letters which are intended to go by the packet, two of them to Mr Eden Esq which the Governor in his honour assures us contain nothing unfriendly to America, the other to Lord Dartmouth which we have seen inclosing copies of the Instructions of the Convention to their deputies in Congress and also of the Declaration with his assurances to the Ministry that he believes they contain the real sentiments of the people of this Province. The Governor has taken this measure in consequence of a free conversation with Messrs Matthews, Pilghman, Thomas Johnson, Thomas Stone and James Holliday and ourselves on the subject. The step cannot be productive of any ill effect; it may be of the greatest service; it may possibly bring about some overture to a general reconciliation. We has promised you shall have the perusal of what he has wrote when you come to Maryland. We intimate this to you to prevent the letter being stopp on suspicion of its containing any information or intelligence unfriendly to America. We do not doubt but