

Hand, if they move, is as clear as the sun in its Meridian Brightness. Whilst
you are at an expense equal to the maintenance of a large army and
expect that we are very strong, we have scarce men enough to mount the
"Common guards"

I thought this Intelligence necessary to your information, but the
Communication of it to our General Assembly must be made with every cau-
-tion of secrecy - The knowledge of it may bring destruction on our Country.

I wish it was in my power to advise in the present crisis. - The
mode in the Resolve of Congress to Genl. Smallwood may be of some service. The
Gentlemen of this County have not as yet assisted - by public meetings and as-
-sociations, to carry any public measures into execution. I beg leave to sub-
-mit the enclosed proposal to your consideration, if adopted it ought to be late
in the Session, and after all other exertions have been made.

The Honble Council of Safety
of Maryland
Annapolis

I am, Gent, with regard and Respect,
Your obedient servant,
Saml. Chase.

Gentlemen -

Baltimore 21st Feb 1777.

The Keeper of the Prison for this County (being blued loose by Mrs
Christie who has left these parts) declares he will not continue in it any longer,
and Mr. Aisquith who is elected Sheriff refuseth to take charge of it until
he is commissioned and the Prison properly assigned to him - Therefore the Jail is
likely to be left without a jailer, and there being no magistrate to take any or-
-der in this matter thought it my duty to let your Honble Board know our
situation. I hope you will give some directions concerning it.

The Honble Council of Safety
Annapolis

I am, Gent - Your most Obedt Hble Servt.
James Calhoun.

Sir -

Philadelphia July 21st 1777.

I have received your favour of the 8th Inst. and in answer thereto you may
depend that I will seek an opportunity of shipping soon as possible provision to the
amount of the sum you mention consigned to Messrs W^m Bingham and Rich^d
Harrison on account of your State to discharge the obligation they are under
for you - This produce must be at your risque, or if I cannot obtain freight. I will
try to obtain bills to remit them, but fear this must be done at great disad-
-vantage whilst so many French men have large sums here that they want to
remit - You shall be informed soon as any thing is effected, ^{and} in the mean time I
will advise them of your orders and my intentions respecting this matter -
I had a concern of the bbl powder lately taken by the men of War in your
Bay, and more expected but still hope for better luck.

The Honble Council of St Thomas London Coy.
President of Council of Safety
Annapolis

I am very Respect fully, Sir,
Your Obedt Humble Servant,
Robt Morris

The Honble the Council of Safety.

23rd February 1777.

Gentlemen - Captain Patterson for whom I went appearance
(Bail)