

N. 6. To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress. 23^d Jan^y 1776

Gent^l: Mr. Maynard, who will deliver this to you, with Letters to New York from the Governour to Mr. Foxcroft the Package covers three other Letters, which are intended by the Packets; two of them to William Eden Esq^r, which the Governour on 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 Ministers, that he believes they contain the real Sentiments of the People of this Province. The Governour has taken this Measure in consequence of a free Conversation with Mess^{rs}: Matthews, Elghman, Thomas Johnson, Thomas Stone and James Hollyday and ourselves on the Subject. The Step cannot be productive of an ill Effect; it may be of the greatest Service; it may possibly bring about some Overture to a general Reconciliation. He 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 stoppt on Suspicion, of its containing

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