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[Rogers and Alexander to Council.]

Philadelphia 25th February 1776.

Gent. M<sup>r</sup> Alexander Ross, a gentleman of our acquaintance, has applied to us to procure for him from Congress a passport to Lord Dunmore, upon whom he says he has a very considerable claim, which he hopes he shou<sup>d</sup> be able to secure, cou<sup>d</sup> he have an opportunity of making a personal demand. From the multiplicity of business now before the Congress an application of this kind wou<sup>d</sup> be attended with great delay, and as a licence from your Honorable Board will be at least as effectual, we take the liberty of recommending him to your indulgence, being well persuaded he will religiously observe any injunctions you may think proper to lay him under.

We are gentlemen your most  
obed<sup>t</sup> servants J. Rogers, Rob<sup>t</sup> Alexander.

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No. 32.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

To the Committee of Observation of Baltimore County.

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The Man of War of what particular Force we know not and her Sloop or Schooner Tenders are now, we are certainly informed, up as high as South River. We are not certain that they may put into this River; they have in Tow a Provision Vessel they seized in the Bay. If there be any Vessels landed in your River we would have you fall on the best Expedients you can to secure them. Apprize Captain Nicholson or the commanding Officer of the Ship Defence of the Intelligence directly. You will acquaint us as soon as you can with any Measures you may think necessary for your Defence that may be in our Power, and we will forward them with all expedition.

7<sup>th</sup> March 1776

No. 33.

[Council to Smallwood.]

To Col<sup>o</sup> William Smallwood.

Sir.

A Ship of War and two Tenders have just hove in sight. We request therefore that you will immediately repair to this City and order Capt Stone to march up with his Company as expeditiously as he can. The Captain will call at Upper Malbro' on his Way hither and secure such Public Arms as may be collected there by the Committee of Observation for Prince George's County.

7<sup>th</sup> March 1776