

c. s. c. among you with a View of getting Provision, we desire you will order and direct them as Exigencies may require and endeavour to repel any hostile Attempts which may be made within your District. M^r Thomas Smyth is now at Charles Town and we request you will advise with him occasionally.

March 9th 1776

No. 40.

[Council to J. Hindman.]

To Capt. James Hindman.

Sir.

Your Request with Regard to M^r Frazer hath been complied with; he has got his Commission made out.

We have some Linen and Cloth, but we doubt not enough for the Battalion and Independent Companies, therefore get for yourself if you can, if not we will endeavour to supply you. Hats we will procure at Baltimore Town. Blankets and Guns you may get for yourself at reasonable Prices. Our Arms are very slow in coming from the Northward and few have been made. The Man of War and Tenders have gone past this Town towards Baltimore, you must be on your guard and spirit up your Company to attend their Motions, in Case they should attempt Landing. We think you ought not to go to Philadelphia until this alarm is over.

10th March 1776

No. 41.

[Council to Beall.]

To Col^o Joshua Beall.

Sir. A man of war and two Tenders passed this Harbour Yesterday Afternoon and we imagine are destined to Baltimore; but as it is altogether uncertain what their Designs are, and as we wish to put the Province in the best State of Defence our Circumstances will admit of, we request you will immediately meet your Battalion and hold them in Readiness to meet at a Moment's Warning upon the further Orders of the Council.

No. 42.

[Council to Alexandria Committee.]

To the Committee of Alexandria.

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A ship of war (which we take to be the Liverpool) and two Tenders passed by the City up the Bay yesterday Afternoon and came to Anchor off the Mouth of Potapsco whence we conclude they are destined to Baltimore Town. They took a