

rest for want of Field Officers, as there is an Immediate necessity for them, he would be glad Blank commissions ready Signd could be sent up for one Battallion. Think of it, and if it can be done, we will pitch on proper Persons here. They are in want of Lead about 1500 will do, they will be glad you will dispatch a Cart with it to Hammonds Ferry. They would be glad you could spare the Large Rifles.

I am with respect Gen^y mo^t ob^t Ser^t Charles Carroll.
Baltimore Town March 8th 1776.
To the Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland.

[Carroll of Carrollton to Dorsey.]

C. S. C.

Sir. I left the Council of Safety yesterday in the afternoon after the man of war & her Tenders had passed the mouth of our River, if any place is in Danger of an immediate attack I think it will be the Town of Baltimore and on talking with their Committee of observation I find they have men enough but they are very badly armed I think therefore it will be proper that you march your Battalion or all the companies of men in it that have serviceable arms with all expedition to this Town, unless you have express directions from the Council of Safety to go with your Battalion to some other place they will confirm this order of mine

Balt^o Town March 8th 1776.

I am &c.

C. C.

To Col^o Tho^s Dorsey:

Saturday 9th March 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N^o 45 was sent to M^r Carroll inclosing a Copy of Letter N^o 46 to Captain Stricker.

Copy of Letter N^o 47 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Talbot County.

Ordered, That the Committee of Observation for Prince Georges County deliver to Col^o John Weems or his Order one Barrel of Gun-Powder purchased of M^r West.

Ordered, That Major Price deliver to Colonel Weems two hundred Gun Flints.

Adjourned 'till 3 o'Clock and met accordingly.

Ordered, That Captain Thomas Woolford's independent Company of regular Troops be stationed at Cambridge in Dorchester County.

Ordered That Captain James Hindman's Company of regular Troops be stationed at Oxford in Talbot County.