

Original.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Phil<sup>a</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> April 1776.

Gen<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Arch. Buchanan could not take the money as he expected & promised. M<sup>r</sup> Ringgold collected & brought up here 160. 17.. 6 it has been delivered into the Treasury besides the change for that Sum we have delivered 4000 Dollars to M<sup>r</sup> Ringgold, Who sets out in a few Days he will take with him the rest of the Money. we hope the plates & that the paper may be sent off about the same Time. We have nothing that can be depended on as to the extent of the powers the Commt<sup>s</sup> are to be invested with whilst we are in Suspence on this head we think no Step of Consequence could be prudently taken and therefore do not expect our Convention will continue long or go fully into Business we could wish if agreeable to them that there might be an adjournment, till about the 20<sup>th</sup> of May with a Continuance of the present existing powers if they think proper. We shall be obliged to you if you will cause Affidavits to be made and transmitted to us of the Time of the Capture & Recapture of Hudson's Ship that we may get the Salvage, the Quantum of which depends on the Time she was in possession of the Tender, ascertained and paid we were desired to let the Claim which we made of Salvage rest till the Event of another Effort was known we hope the ship is now out of the Bay. We are Gen<sup>t</sup>

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>Th<sup>s</sup> Johnson Jun<sup>r</sup>

R. Alexander

W<sup>m</sup> Paca

T. Stone

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[Dalton to Jenifer.]

Alexandria April 2<sup>d</sup> 1776.

Sir. Inclosed is a letter for a Gentlemen over the bay, and I have often experienced letters that I have sent by post to that part of the country have miscarried enduces me take the Liberty, to inclose it to you, requesting the favour of you to forward it, by some safe conveyance the freedom of which I hope you will excuse.

We find it difficult the fitting out the cruising vessels here, the scarcity of sail Duck & proper sized cannon plague us much in getting—indeed am apprehensive we shall not be able to procure light Duck for the small sails and must endeavour to make up the deficiency from old sails rather than none.

The two Row Gallies goes on very well and will soon be built, though am apprehensive of being at a loss for heavy cannon, our choice would be one 18 pounder the other 24