

Ordered, That Copies of the foregoing Recommendation c. s. J. be transmitted to the several Offices therein mentioned.

The following notice was ordered to be printed in the Annapolis Gazette, viz.

By the Council of Safety of Maryland October 21<sup>st</sup> 1775.

The Committees of Observation are requested to compleat their Returns of the Minute and Militia Officers, and the Companies of Militia formed in Battalions agreeable to the Resolves of the late Convention as soon as may be, that the proper Commissions may issue.

Resolved, That there be a Meeting of the Convention at the City of Annapolis on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of December next and that the Clerk of this Council inclose a Copy of this Resolve to the Delegates of each County within this Province.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay John Garratt for his Trouble in attending this Meeting, and for providing Wood & Candles, the Sum of forty Shillings common money.

Signed by Order Eleazer McComb Clk.

[Washington to Hancock.]

c. s. c.

N<sup>o</sup> 10. Camp at Cambridge October 24. 1775

Sir. My conjecture of the destination of the late squadron from Boston in my last has been unhappily verified by an outrage exceeding in barbarity and cruelty every hostile act practiced among civilized nations. I have enclosed the account given by M<sup>r</sup> Jones a gentleman of the town of Falmouth of the destruction of that increasing & flourishing village. He is a very great sufferer and informs me that the time allowed for the removal of effects was so small that valuable property of all kinds and to a great amount has been destroyed. The orders shewn by the Captain for this horrid procedure by which it appears that the same desolation is meditated upon all the towns on the coast made it my duty to communicate it as quickly and extensively as possible. As Portsmouth was the next place to which he proposed to go General Sullivan was permitted to go up and give them his assistance and advice to ward off the blow. I flatter myself the like event will not happen there as they have a fortification of some strength & a vessel has arrived at a place called Sheepscot with 1500<sup>lb</sup> of Powder. The gentlemen of the congress have nearly finished their Business but as they write by this opportunity, I must beg leave to refer you to their letter for what