

[Council to Worcester Committee.]

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No. 77.

To the Committee of Observation of Worcester County.

Gentlemen. We are informed that are a number of pieces of Cannon in your County that have lain there some years, ever since the Spanish Wreck on the Seabord side of your County. We request you would immediately cause those Cannon to be examined, and let us hear from you by Express what state and Condition they are in, and how many there are, and what weight of Metal they would carry, as also who claims any property in them; and if any Body claims, under what contract or agreement they were purchased and of whom. We expect your answer as soon as you conveniently can.

26 July 1776

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

No. 78.

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gentlemen,

The Letters from Colonel Barnes and Jordan were not inclosed in our last from inattention, we now send them with Copies of some other Letters from below, from whence you will see how affairs are going on there.

Dunmore's Fleet have seperated; the Fowey and the Otter with a number of Vessells haveing the Tory Families on board remain in the mouth of Saint Mary's River; the Roebuck and Six or Seven other Vessells have moved up the River Potowmack, as high as Quantico in Virginia, where they stopt to take in water. There are some flying reports of their having landed at Mr. William Brent's and burnt his Houses, which are confirmed this day by Charles Landsdale. He says 'tis feared they are landing on Colonel Smallwood's Estate—the last he heard of them was yesterday and the report was they were landing on the Maryland side near Colonel Smallwood's.

We observe what you say about the Flying Camp, and shall do the best we can. We shall give the necessary orders for finding the Troops Rations, in expectation that the Subsistence money will be reimbursed. As soon as the Regulars are replaced, that have and are about to march to the Northward; we shall use our endeavours to compleat the remaining Battalions with all diligence and send them forward either in Battalions or Companies as they get ready. most of those we have seen of the new enlisted men appear to be quite raw, and in great want of necessarys, some pay must be advanced to put them in tolerable condition to appear in. On Tuesday last we gave orders to Captain Thomas to march with his