

C. S. C.
No. 12.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.
Gentlemen.

The Convention have ordered that the sum of £10,000, be appropriated to fortify the City of Annapolis and place obstructions in the River Severn, but as we have not, nor know of an Engineer properly qualified to carry on the works, and your station may perhaps afford you an opportunity of assisting us, with one, we beg you will make enquiry for, and recommend to us some Person of knowledge and experience in that service; we are anxious to comply with the resolve of Convention, as Annapolis is very undefensible and we presume from it's advantageous situation may be an object with the enemy. We are so thronged with business that we cannot now write you fully, but will as soon as we have a little Leisure; as the Conveniencies may not be provided for Col^o Smallwood and the Troops by the Time they reach Phil^a, we request you will give him all the assistance you can; we also send you inclosed a resolve of our Convention relating to our regular forces which we desire you will communicate to the Brigadier General of the Flying Camp.

P. S. We take the liberty of recommending Captⁿ Stricker to you as a Person proper for a Field Officer in the German Battalion, and think the service will be benefitted by his Appointment. If he should be commissioned the sooner 'tis done the better, as it will probably be a great inducement to his Countrymen to enlist.

7th July 1776

No. 13.

[Council to Alexander.]

To Rob^t Alexander Esq^r
Sir

The Council of Safety are much at a loss in respect to the contracts made by you in Balt^o, they have wrote to you several Times to transmit them, but have never had the pleasure to receive them or a Line from you on the subject.

There is a real necessity for their being lodged here as some of the Artificers do not comply with their Contracts, and we are subject to two Inconveniencies, the ignorance of the real Contract and the want of Power to enforce it.

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