

to Hand, and Col^o Ch^s Greenb^y Griffith with the remainder of c. s. c. the Frederick Battalion will follow him in a few days. Col^o Griffith appears to us active and spirited, and we beg leave to recommend him to your notice—some little countenance from you might be of service to him: Captⁿ Mantz's company were ordered to St Mary's, but we have this day given an order for their moving to the northward. Captⁿ Thomas is on the way to Phil^a

Col^o Ewing's Battalion is also under marching orders, two or three companies of this Battalion are near ready, and we are doing all we can to forward the others; they want but every thing—we have arms for one half the Battalion we keep, besides 270 lately imported, not yet come to hand—these with what we expect from the manufacturers will enable us to compleat Col^o Carvell Hall's Battalion, which we propose to keep. Col^o Kent has resigned, & so we hear has Col^o Earle, both endeavouring to obtain a seat in Convention—two or three Eastern shore companies will be ready to march next week, two other companies have borrowed arms, and are to supply the place of Captain Veazey and Captⁿ Hindman—the rest will be very slow, we fear, in getting arms.—Brig^r Dent hath also resigned and is elected for Charles County.—under all these difficulties arising from want of arms and necessaries, and also from resignations, we are exerting ourselves to the utmost, money has flowed out of the Treasury very freely upon this important occasion; we hope for the approbation of the Hon^{ble} Congress and Convention.

We shall say nothing particular about the elections more than what relates to yourselves, S. Chase is in for Ann^l, W. P. & Carrollton Carroll for Annapolis. T. J. & T. Stone are left out, and there is a very great change in the members in all Counties, according to the intelligence we have. M^r Stone will have a list sent him of all the Counties that we know or have heard any thing about, to which we refer you—there will be disputed elections we expect, particularly Q. A., P. G. & Ann^l

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[Pownall to Council.]

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To the Honourable the Council of Safety of Maryland 9th
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Hon Sirs: On the appointment of Edward Tillard to a Captancy in the Flying Camp, from a Captancy of a company of militia in the 31st Battalion of this Province, the militia company on Edward Tillard's completing his inlisting warrant for the flying Camp, wish'd to have a captain, accordingly a majority of the company met, and M^r Benjamin Gallaway