

c. s. c. affairs on the lake are far from being so prosperous as I wish them, tho' we have heard nothing certain from that quarter since our Army retreated to Crown Point. Considerable reinforcements are ordered & if they arrive in time I hope our Enemies will receive a Check. Gen. Howe remains on Staten Island exercising his men, and viewing the situation of the adjacent grounds. The inhabitants of the Island are generally Tories, who I suppose will assist him all they can without taking up arms, which I think few of them will do. Gen<sup>t</sup> Washington and the Army under him are in good Spirits, and in strength daily increasing. We regret to hear of the arrival of a considerable reinforcement from Britain, daily will bring on a more intimate acquaintance between the two adverse Armies. May God send Victory to the Arm lifted in Support of righteousness, Virtue & Freedom, and crush even to destruction the power which wantonly would trample on the rights of mankind.

I am Gent. with most sincere esteem  
Y<sup>r</sup> faithful & most humble Sev<sup>t</sup>

Our Province is now unrepre- T. Stone.  
sented tho matters of the last consequence  
are coming on. I pray one of the Delegates  
may be desired to attend.  
Mr Paca is out which occasions me alone to address you.

[Moore to Council.]

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sirs.

Annapolis July 12<sup>th</sup> 1776.

As there is a vacancy in Cap<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Smiths Company of Artillery for a 2<sup>d</sup> Lieu<sup>t</sup> I should esteem it a very particular favor, if your Hon<sup>ble</sup> board would grant me liberty to fill that place. My reason for being so pressing to leave Annapolis is, I have never enjoyed my health since I have been here, and am afraid should I not benefit by the Baltimore Air, shall be obliged to resign my Commission, tho very much against my inclination, as I dont imagine I shall have my health while I remain here, and as you well know, life is of little worth without health. I hope you will consider my case & indulge me in my above request, and the obligation shall be ever gratefully acknowledged by

Gent<sup>n</sup> Your most obedient &  
Very h<sup>ble</sup> Sv<sup>t</sup>  
N. Ruxton Moore