

worth his attention. His well known enmity to Liberty, his untoward disposition towards this common wealth in particular, and his corrupt principles, capable of committing the most atrocious villainies, give cause to suspect that his intention might be to distress this place and the Inhabitants of each side the River, by which your Province would experience the dire effects of the Marauders.

Should you be attacked, and our assistance necessary we wou'd cheerfully obey the summons of Liberty, humanity, and neighbourly affection, and fly to your assistance, we should be wanting in duty if we did not, because we are not bound up by any ordinance, nor command, but at full liberty to exert ourselves in behalf of ourselves and in that of a Sister Colony.

I hope you and the gentlemen of your Council of Safety will excuse this remonstrance to you, and that you will see the necessity in the same light that we do of empowering (at least) your commanding officers on the river to raise the Militia under their respective commands (in case of danger) and to march them where there may be a call for them. I am convinced the gentlemen and soldiers would cheerfully do it from a principle of humanity and friendship tho' the danger was more remote from them was this request put in execution.

I am Gentlemen, Your most Obed^t & very
Humble Servant
John West, chair. P. L.

Original.

[Dorsey to Jenifer.]

Sir: Elkridge July 18, 1776.

When the Elkridge Militia went from this from Annapolis, I promised to send down an equal number on Sunday the 21st to relieve them, but as Capt. Dan^l Dorsey's company of the Flying Camp will certainly be down on that day and Capt. Edward Norwood's the day following, I am at a loss to know whether you will stand in need of the Militia. Please to inform me by M^r Larkin Dorsey that I may take measures accordingly.

N. B. Cap^t Norwoods & Dorseys compy's will have few or no fire arms. I am with respect

Y^r mo. obed^t Serv^t Thomas Dorsey.
The Honble Dan^l of S^t Tho^s Jenifer Esq^r
President of the Council of Safety of Maryland.

Original.

[Nicholson to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore July 18th 1776.

I was favor'd with your orders of the 16th I shall finish heaveing down the Ship this evening and expect to sail from