

c. s. c. Tents. They ask 17/6 linen thread, Twine &c, which we think extravagant. We request you would endeavour to get them done upon better Terms, if you can, and let us hear from you. Thread may be got from John McFadon.

Mr. Gerard Hopkins

We are, &c.

[Prince George's Co. Committee to Council.]

Gent. Prince Georges County Jan^y 31st 1777.

In consequence of a resolve from the Hon^{ble} Congress, and your letter of date the 26th Inst. we have requested a meeting of the eleventh Battalion on Thursday the sixth February. That Battalion being without any field officers recommend M^r Thomas Sim Lee as Colonel, M^r Luke Marbury Lieut. Col. and Mess^{rs} Truman Skinner and William Lyles Jun^r Majors. No time being mentioned either in Resolve of Congress or in your letter what space of time the said Militia are to continue, it would be necessary to acquaint us by the day the Battalion meets, as it may very much forward the Militia of this county engaging in the service. We likewise request the commissions for the Field officers being sent by the earliest opportunity.

We are Gent.

with request, Your most obed^t Hum^{ble} Serv^t
(By order) Jos. Beall chairman.

The Hon^{ble} Council of Safety
Annapolis

[Samuel Chase to Council.]

Original.

Gentlemen. Baltimore Town Jan^y 31st 1777.

I sent you yesterday by M^r John Gassaway nineteen thousand dollars.

I must again press you to solicit a Representation for our State. The order of this day is to appoint a number of General Officers. Are we interested in the choice of General's? I shall endeavour to put off this Business for a few days. Three of the middle States New York, Delaware and Maryland unrepresented. North Carolina will be so in a day or two. Complaints are so loud in Congress on this Subject, that expresses are sent to New York and Delaware, and I expect our Assembly will be intreated to send their delegates. It is not only necessary to be represented but be assured, the business, the Interest of these States require a full Representation. We have not 30 members in congress, and it is not only improper but impossible, for so small a number to conduct so very important business. Be pleased to communicate