

[Chase to Council.]

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Baltimore Town, Jany. 3 1777

Gentlemen: Congress have received no Letter from General Washington since the 27<sup>th</sup>. We are informed by private Letters that all our force, about 10,000, are in the Jerseys, and that the Enemy are retreating. It is certain that Gen<sup>l</sup> Heath has retaken Hackensack and some Prisoners.

Mr. Shearman, Delegate from Connecticut, informs that the Enemy are in Possession of New Port, Rhode Island, and that about 10,000 are collected to oppose them.

The enclosed Petition was put into my Hands; your Board will make proper Enquiry and grant Redress. Captain Yates delivered me the enclosed.

Mr. Carroll informs Me that an application was heretofore made to Congress relative to the Case of Milne and Jenkins, and declined Giving any opinion. I have given the state of their case to the Georgia Delegates. I will write you further on this subject.

General Smallwood will communicate to you his Directions from Congress. I shall procure Money from them as soon as it can be signed, and shall furnish the General with a sum to enable him to expedite the new Levies. I doubt not the ready Concurrence and assistance of your Board. On the Success in procuring a new Army depends our all. I wish you would give a Line to any officer who may apply to you for Money, and signify what sum I shall advance.

I think it would be proper for you in a full Board to consider the Propriety of Convening our general Assembly. Our State is as yet unrepresented.

I am, Gent. with Respect and Regard  
your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Saml. Chase

The Honble. the Council of Safety of Maryland.

[Samuel Baxter to Council.]

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Monecton Mills January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1777

Gentlemen. I am apointed coleter of the fines of the non inrolers of Midelville upper hundred by the committee of Baltimore. I have given the munths notis to those that oposed Mr James Bosley's from coleting in his hunderd and they are determind not to sufer thear goods to bee sold, as they gether in ganges and says thay is now law for any such fines in my hundred there is Bill Savage and John Gorsuch Black the tomusts and woull and that in Carads the rest not to pay if thes men were compeld to pay the rest would all pay without any trouble a number of the rest has told me that if it was