

c. s. c. parts taking care to apprehend and secure as many of the Leaders of that party as you possibly can. We are, &c.
Col^o Mordecai Gist

No. 145.

[Council to Hancock.]

February 6, 1777.

Sir. The enclosed deposition of Captain Patterson will inform the Honble. Congress of an alarming and dangerous Insurrection in Somerset County. And the Council of Safety, apprehending the force of this State which can be immediately collected together insufficient to quell it, beg that the Honble. Congress will strengthen their hands by sending such assistance into Somerset and Worcester Counties as will immediately disperse those Insurgents. We have ordered thirty Matrosses and two field peices to be ready at this place to join the Troops that may be sent from Baltimore Town.

For and in behalf of the Council, &c.

John Hancock Esquire.

Dan of S. Th. Jenifer.

Original.

[Samuel Chase to Council.]

Gentlemen.

Baltimore Town Feb^y 6th 1777.

Congress are very anxious that some immediate steps should be taken by our State, not only as to the person of Capt. Patterson, but as to the payment of the engagement entered into by the Continental and your agent. Capt. Patterson is viewed as a pirate and after examination, if the facts should appear to you to be well founded, it may be well to consider, if it would not be proper to send him to Martinico for trial there, by the law of nations. If our State shall pay the value of the vessel and goods seised by Patterson, would it not be proper to inform the Governor of Martinique that the whole would have been returned, but for the Risque. If no remittance can be made but by produce, it will be an equal risque to send back the vessel. Could not Mr. Morris pay the money for our State? An opportunity of writing will present itself in a few days. Would it not be proper for our State to write a letter, disavowing the conduct of Capt. Patterson, and engaging payment as soon as possible and mentioning the men of war in our Bay, which may delay the remittance.

M^r Zachariah Campbell in a letter from Vienna, of 1st Inst. writes to his brother Capt. Campbell That the Tories in Sussex, Somerset and Worcester Counties, have been assembling for some days. They have 250 men collected at Parker's