

c. s. c. to entreat you to come up as soon as you possibly can. Many officers are applying for their commissions & some resigning; we know not how to move until we see some of the Gentlemen who were at Camp.

To Tho^s Contee Esq^r

We are &c

[C. Johnson to Jenifer.]

Sir.

Lower Marlboro Jan^y 4th 1777.

I have received your favour in Council of Safety and shall as soon as possible attend the summons, and shall be happy in affording real service to my distressed countrymen. Former obligations make it necessary to see all under my care at present that lay any way between here and your city.

I shall set off from hence in the morning early and hope to be at Annapolis at night and wait on the Hon^{ble} Council the next morning, to whom please to present my respectful compliments

I am Sir, your much obliged serv^t

C. Johnson.

Daniel of St. Tho^s Jenifer Esq. President,
of the Hon^{ble} Council of Safety, Annapolis

[Thomas Johnson, Jr., to Council.]

Frederick Town 4th Jan^y 1777.

Gent.

I have had no opportunity since my receipt of your last letter before this by Col^o Price nor did I think it worth while to send an express. I wish you would be pleased to send forward one thousand pair of shoes to be lodged at Philadelphia subject to my orders with the prices that there may be no difficulties in settling with the men. I before desired an order for the arms which were lodged at Philadelphia by the Maryland Flying Camp militia, but you gave me no answer as to that point presuming it was your intention they should be put into the hands of the militia I have ordered they should take what good arms they could with them and told them they may expect the deficiency would be supplied out of those arms, I shall be obliged to you for an order to meet me at Philadelphia as well as your instructions to the disposition of them. on my return it is my intention if the people can be kept together to come back slowly in convenient bodies and bring the arms with us. Disputes about command will be destructive of all authority and order. I wished to know whether I was to command all the Maryland Militia or only