

c. c. Flying Camp, none of them have been returned, the few that reached Philadelphia, about two thousand three Hundred, were delivered in there, by Order of Congress and have, as we are informed, been since disposed of, for Continental Purposes: We therefore expect that in our naked and dangerous Situation, we shall be gratified with two thousand stand, and if they can be spared, with more, as a greater Number will most probably, in a short Time, be necessary.

We are Sir

with the highest Respect your  
Most obed<sup>t</sup> humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>

To His Exc<sup>y</sup> John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President of the Congress

Inclosed, a Copy of the Resolve of Assem<sup>y</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup>  
1777.

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[Gov. Johnson to Hancock.]

Annapolis 21<sup>st</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1777

Sir.

Inclosed is a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 19<sup>th</sup> Instant, requesting one of the Regiments raising in this State, to be stationed on the Eastern Shore. The repeated Intelligence received by Congress of our Enemy's designing to send a considerable Force into Chesapeake Bay is in some Measure confirmed by an Officer, lately exchanged and now here, who says it was lately reported in New York, that Gen<sup>l</sup> Burgoyne had arrived in this Bay, with ten thousand Troops. From His Excellency Governor Henry's Letter to me a Copy of which I have taken the Liberty to inclose you, it seems to be his Opinion, that in Case there should be a Descent on the Eastern Shore, Virginia can render but little Assistance, and that the Defence of that Country will be thrown principally on this State. The Advantages the Enemy possess, may prevent this State, as well as Virginia from affording any adequate Assistance to the Eastern shore; for, the Western Shore of both States will, with great Difficulty, if at all, be able to transport Troops across the Bay: This, and the Circumstances of two of our Counties as well as Sussex on Delaware, which I believe worse than either of them, make it necessary a Regular Force should be kept on Foot on the Eastern Shore; Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood is of Opinion the upper Part of Somerset County in Maryland is the most proper Place, it is nearly opposite to the lowest good Water on the Eastern Shore of our Bay for Vessels of Burthen, about thirty Miles from Lewis Town, directly in the Course of Communication from thence to the most disaffected Part of Maryland, about thirty Miles from Accomack in Virginia, from whence, and