

from Northampton, a considerable Body of sound Militia c. c. might be expected, and not far from very well affected Parts of the Maryland Eastern Shore. The Idea is, that if Congress should be pleased to allow one of the Regiments to be stationed thereabouts, ranging Parties might be kept out, even in Sussex, occasionally; that they would prevent a Junction of the Tories, and in some Measure their Intercourse, that it would prevent any Attempt, by a small Force, under Assurances of Assistance from the Tories, and if any Thing more formidable should be sent, the well affected Part of the Militia would instantly collect there, as a Place of general Rendezvous, and enable the Regulars to make a Stand, 'til effectual Support could be given. These Reasons have induced the General Assembly to request one of the Continental Battalions, which I think will, in all Likelihood, be the cheapest mode of Defence, and the Regiment being left for a Time in this State may probably be the Occasion of its filling the sooner, for a good many of our People are possessed with the Humour of serving within, rather than out of their own State. If no Succour is afforded, the inclosed Petitions to the Governor, Council and General Assembly of this State and the Remonstrance and Petition of Accomack, Somerset and Worcester Counties to the Congress, fully shew, our Friends will despair of being able to support themselves. I have also inclosed you a Copy of an Act of our General Assembly for building Barracks; The Accomodations for the Troops, either quartered or occasionally in this State, are not such as are desirable, very inconvenient to the Inhabitants and very expensive, the Assembly are therefore desirous, tho' it will be expensive, to make a better and more suitable Provision, and to enable us to do it, hope for the Assistance of Congress.

The great separate Expence we are at, and the frequent Drafts in Favour of the seven Battalions raising here, has much weakened our Treasury and obliges me to request a further Sum of Money, to be lodged by Congress, to enable further Advances to those Regiments; it is of Consequence to the Service, without it we shall not be able to raise and forward the Troops. I shall be obliged to you Sir, to lay these Matters before Congress and to that Honorable Body, for their speedy Decision thereon.

I am Sir with the highest Respect

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

If a few brass Field Pieces can }  
be spared, they are desirable }

To The Hon<sup>ble</sup> the President of the }  
Congress. }