

c. c. ciency of Cordage or Hands for the first three. The fitting out of the Gallies, is an Object of the first attention with us, will be prosecuted as such, and as soon as any of them are fit, they will be ordered below, where we shall be glad to hear some of yours are ready to act in Concert with them. The Removal of the Stock, agreeable to the Recommendation of Congress, appeared to our Assembly impracticable. An Officer of ours, one M^r Courts, who was taken at Long Island and lately exchanged, informs me that it was said in New York a Little before he came from thence, that Gen^l Burgoyne had arrived in Chesapeake with 10000 Troops; This I look on as a Confirmation, in some Measure, of our Former Intelligence, that the Enemy design to send Gen^l Burgoyne with that Force against us; if it takes Place, we shall chearfully render every Assistance in our Power, and expect the Aid of our Neighbours, as Circumstances may make necessary. Nothing further occurs to me, at present, if there should, I shall frankly communicate, and hope to be favoured from Time to Time, with your Sentiments on this or any other Subject, in which both States are interested

I am Sir with very great Respect & Esteem,
Y^r most obed^t humble Serv^t

Governor Henry.

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[Council to Col. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 24th Ap^l 1777.

Sir.

We have inclosed you the Resolutions of Congress of the 19th Inst. received yesterday; you will Mention only such Part of them as is proper to be generally known. Some Part of each of the Maryland Battalions, has already marched to Philadelphia, and from the Information we have received, we are induced to think yours is as weak as either of them. We are not now sorry that it has happened so, as there are many Reasons which make it desirable you should command the Force designed to cover the Eastern Shore. We have therefore according to the Power given us by Congress, appointed your Battalion for this Service, and desire you will immediately give Orders for such of them as have marched to return, and appoint the general Rendezvous of your Battalion at Cambridge. We are very desirous of seeing you here, as soon as it may be safe to you, to settle the Plat. of embodying the 300 Militia, and providing Tents, Subsistance &^{ca} for the whole, as well as the Spot for Encamping. We also inclose you a Copy of Part of a Letter from M^r Morris, from which, we expect some Arms are at Dover for us, pray send