

c. c. Cap<sup>t</sup> Walker's may well accommodate the Men and save the Expencc of Board, every possible saving is necessary. M<sup>r</sup> Piercy tells us two of the People have the Small Pox and that a good many are to have it. We think it would be well to inoculate such as have not had the small Pox immediately.

Cap<sup>t</sup> John David We are &<sup>ca</sup>

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[Council to M. Hillegas.]

In Council Annapolis 28<sup>th</sup> May 1777.

Sir.

We have received the Resolution of Congress empowering us to appoint Superintendants of the Press, but were not informed of the Necessity of a new Appointment, 'till by M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun, who mentioned it to the Governor in Frederick Town last week, but he could not tell who, except M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kubin would probably act, and promised, if he should be able, on his Return to Baltimore, to mention Gentlemen of Character who would attend that Service, he would do so by Line. We inclose an Appointment, too much by Guess. If any of 'them will not undertake the Business or should grow tired, we shall be obliged to you to enquire and advise us who may, with Propriety, be put in the stead of such.

The Congress have said nothing further to us relative to the Qualification of the Superintendants, than what is contained in the Resolution itself; we imagine the Oath being taken before a Magistrate and in your Presence, and so certified and transmitted by you to Congress and a Duplicate to us, will be fully Satisfactory and therefore we recommend it.

Michael Hillegas Esq<sup>r</sup>We are &<sup>ca</sup>

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[Council to Major Fulford.]

In Council Annapolis 28<sup>th</sup> May 1777.

Major Fulford.

There is too good Ground to suspect that an Intercourse is carried on between the Disaffected amongst us and those of the same Character to the Southward & Northward of us. The Public Safety requires our Vigilance. We are informed that M<sup>r</sup> William Brown and M<sup>r</sup> James Anderson are about to set out for Philadelphia; you are to go to Bush Town, and there search for all Papers and Letters they may have with them, and if you find any Papers, conveying Intelligence, bring the Papers and Persons before us. We have called on you for this Service, under a Confidence that you will use M<sup>r</sup> Brown & M<sup>r</sup> Anderson genteely, but will not be diverted from a proper Enquiry. You may, if you think proper, take an Officer with you.

Maj<sup>r</sup> Fulford.We are &<sup>ca</sup>