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[John Gibson to Gov. Johnson.]

Board of Treasury, Philadelphia 3rd September 1777

Sir: I am directed by the Board of Treasury to forward you Eight hundred Tickets of the United States Lottery agreeable to the Resolution of Congress passed the 6th of August last, which having been publish'd in most or all of the News Papers, has undoubtedly fallen under your Excellency's observation.

The Congress have deeply at Heart the success of this Lottery, and have great reason to apprehend that it has not met with attention and Encouragement equal to its vast importance. It is not only to be considered as a fund to defray the enormous expences which the United States in the prosecution of this most just and necessary War are and must continue to be exposed; But if the scheme should be so much neglected by the Friends of our cause as to prove abortive, it will have a most unfavourable aspect upon our public affairs: in other view, if will deeply wound our Public reputation, discourage our Creditors at home and our friends abroad, and be urged by our Enemies as a proof of our weakness and of the abatement of that public Virtue and generous ardour which have hitherto distinguish'd us in the course of this conflict; and sustain'd us under Divine Providence against the Efforts of our powerful and implacable Enemies.

These Reasons the Board make no question will induce your Excellency and the Executive Power of your State to contribute your zealous endeavours to encourage and despatch the sale of these Tickets. Under your directions it is hoped that Gentlemen of activity and influence in different parts of your State will generously cooperate in this design, & by their personal exertions distribute them to adventurers who under our circumstances, with the chance of good Fortune, will have a right to be esteem'd as Patriots.

I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respect

Your Excellency's most obed^t humble servant

John Gibson Aud^r Gen^l

His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esq^r
Governor of the State of Maryland.

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[Washington to Johnson.]

Wilmington, Sept^r 3, 1777

Sir: The late Resolution of Congress for sending Gen^l Smallwood and Colo. Gist from this army to arrange and command the Militia of Maryland, now called to the Feild, and the frequent applications I had, before the arrival of those Gentⁿ at this place, to send Officers to the Eastern Shore to