

for the recruiting Service. I sent it by him to you, and I ^{C. C.} expect you have received it before this time. If that sum will not do, I beg you will be kind enough to acquaint me. I am informed the Committee of Congress at Camp have among other States, applied to the State of Maryland for the purchase of a number Horses for the purpose of forming a Body of light Cavalry. If you should approve of the plan or should you lay it before the Assembly, and it is adopted by them; I trust some estimate of the expence will be made that the money may be forwarded from this place. Should the recruiting Service require a greater number of Dollars I believe they may be had.

I believe you need not entertain any fears of the expedition against Canada going forward. The advanced season of the year, and the feeble preparations in that department has effectually put an end to it. I most cordially join with you in opinion, that it is the interest as well as the true policy of this Country to collect their force to a single point by strengthening the hands of Gen^l Washington. But this I fear will not be the case. It is the opinion of some, and they have weight with a certain class of men, that the whole force of the Enemy will be turned towards the East the next campaign, a military Gentleman in high office supports this opinion. Should it prevail in Congress I think it will injure the middle States in a high degree, as well as the common Cause at large. The Virginia Frigate is ordered to make another attempt if she fails the measure you propose I expect will be adopted.

Virginia will this afternoon offer to ratify the confederation. No other State is prepared. I shall take this opportunity of stating the objections to it, from Maryland, tho I have little hopes of this matter being soon determined. I fear it never will in our favour.

We had intelligence last night of one of our armed Vessels in the Delaware, near Cristeen having taken two Ships and a small sloop of war. We have not heard the Cargoes. I believe this news may be relied on.

Enclosed you have some of the Debates of the House of Lords and Commons. They will amuse you. Twenty thousand additional Troops for the Service of 1778 is voted without a division.

With great regard I am Sir Your most
obed^t and very h^{ble} Serv^t
J. Henry Jun^r

Wednesday 11 March 1778

C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Robert Kirkland of Baltimore Town took the Oath of Fidelity & Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificate given