

c. s. c. talions, leaving the eighth for the German Battalion. Divers have resigned, and the General thinks others will resign if the proceedings of the Commissioners be not reviewed. We do not think this Board have power sufficient to controul what the Commissioners have done. We have therefore thought it advisable to call the General Assembly, before whom we propose to lay the whole affair and after the Rank is properly settled we hope the recruiting will go on briskly.

Yours of the 14th inclosing Resolves of Congress of same date relative to the continental currency came to hand yesterday; we shall lay these resolves before the General Assembly, together with the other dispatches as soon as they meet which is ordered for the 29th instant.

We have the honour to be,
with Esteem and Regard,
Y^r most Obed. Serv^{ts}

John Hancock Esq. President Congress.

Original.

[Hancock to Council.]

Baltimore Jany. 22, 1777

Gentlemen: I have it in Charge from Congress most earnestly to request that you will immediately appoint Subaltern officers for the several Companies which are now raising in your State, in Consequence of your Orders, that the recruiting service may be expedited as fast as possible, and the Men when raised be perfectly trained.

The enclosed Resolve recommending it to you to call forth the Militia from the Counties therein mentioned, and such others as you shall think proper, to reinforce Gen^l Washington at this critical Period, I am to request you will immediately comply with, agreeably to the Terms of the same.

I have the Honour to be, Gentlemen,
your most obed^t & very hbl. Ser^t

John Hancock, Presid^t

Honble. Council of Safety of the State of Maryland.

c. s. j.

Thursday, January 23. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, except M^r Hall.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Isaac McHard One hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Grant three Pounds.
Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.