

c. s. c. We earnestly request that no time may be lost in forwarding this necessary service. Those who have not arms will get them at Philidelphia. We are, &c.

Circular Letter to the Colo<sup>s</sup> and Committees of Counties &c.

[Petition of James Larey.]

Head Quarters Annapolis Jan<sup>y</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1777.

The Humble Petition of James Larey, to the Honourable the Council of Safety,

Humbly Sheweth, That your poor Petitioner hath been confined these five weeks past, in the Guard House; and for what he is confined, he knoweth not as he is not guilty of any thing in the least tending to the prejudice of the present state. Likewise, most honourable gentlemen, I am to communicate to your Honours that I have been taken once up to your Honours but never has had any hearing or examination; the reason why, I know not. I am in a strange place most considerate gentlemen, and, as I was taken off in a hurry or onawars, has not the second shirt or thing with me for to shift myself with therefore I must of course, sirs be in a shocking condition. Also, most considerate gentlemen I am to inform your honours that I have wanted a good deal of Provisions since my unhappy confinement, the officers, who is to get it for me not looking properly after it, and of course in a long duration of time most honourable Gentlemen, I must die in the present situation I am in, Therefore most honourable and considerate Gentlemen hopes that your Honours will take the low and distressed situation of your poor Petitioner into your most serious considerations and grant him some relief from the present exigency that he is in. And your poor Petitioner, shall ever be in duty bound to pray.

James Larey.

So God bless the congress, and direct our General.

[Robert Tyler to Council.]

Gentlemen.

January 27<sup>th</sup> 1777.

I have received your letter requesting I will give necessary orders to my battalion, to march to the assistance of our Troops in the Jerseys. You may depend that nothing shall be wanting in me in forwarding their march. I am sorry to inform you that there is a Captain in my Battalion who has continually refused to obey orders, therefore have little hopes of his companies meeting me, and as that is the case think it would be prudent in you to make his first Lieutenant M<sup>r</sup> James Mullikin captain, which will I am satisfied forward this busi-