

[Council to Delegates in Congress.] c. c.

In Council Annapolis 10th Dec^r 1778.

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We, by this Post inclose to Congress the Resolutions of the Assembly with Respect to our Gallies going on the Expedition to the Southward; the Independence and Baltimore are destined for that Service and we are directed to Man them, including the Men already belonging to them. We have constantly endeavored to get our Gallies manned but with so little Success that whenever we send two of them down the Bay, we have been obliged to strip the others and to send a Number of our Matrosses; nor do we expect the Additional Encouragement offered will have the desired Effect; wherefore we have desired the Congress if they can, to send down the deficient Number of Men. If the Expedition is still an Object, we shall do all we can to procure the Men and push the Business forward; but we cannot but express our Apprehension that these Vessels are not safe for the Voyage at this season and we are sure that Measures ought to be well concerted for a regular supply of Provisions if they reach their Destination, for they will not carry Provisions for more than two Months, if so long, for their proper Compliment, which ought to be, for each 80 Men, at the least. We hope to be advised immediatly of the Sentiments of Congress on the Subject that we may act in Conformity to them as far as possible

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The Delegates in Congress }
from Maryland }

[Council to Gov. Henry.]

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Sir.

We inclose you a Copy of the Resolutions of our Assembly, agreeable to a Requisition contained in them. One of the Gallies destined for the Expedition carries 2-18 Pounds, 2 Twelves; 2 sixes & 4 fours; the other 2 Eighteens & 14 fours they have together about 50 Men and ought to have, at least 160. Fearing the Encouragement offered by the Assembly may not have the desired Effect, we have requested Congress, if they have Men who can be turned over to this Service, to send the deficient Number. It is much our Wish that your Gallies and ours could proceed in Company to Charles Town, but unless Congress can assist in manning ours, we think there's little Chance of it.