

Original happen, that contribute very little towards preventing misfortunes. We have perhaps been over generous in assisting the Continent the day may come when past Service will be forgotten nay it is at hand however, we have the pleasure of reflecting, that if we have erred, it has been from motives both honorable and laudable. It appears to me if an attack is made on Annapolis with considerable Force, that it cannot be defended. Baltimore perhaps may, as there will be time for the back people to come to its aid.

Your express arrived, I am told at this place on Saturday night. I did not know till a few hours ago that he waited for an Answer the Delegates from Maryland sent off a Continental rider to General Washington Yesterday morning being Sunday with Your Excellencys Letter, & pressed him to send General Guest to command the Maryland Militia with any other Officers, or assistance that he might think proper to afford our State. I expect that the rider will return time enough for us to write you by the Post what may be expected from that Quarter.

Congress have but 602 stand of Arms at this place & those not fit for immediate use. The board of War is directed to get them repaired & to deliver them to our Order it will take some days before this can be done but you may depend they shall be forwarded with all possible dispatch. The Americans are the most supine people in the Universe, they seldom see danger till it is past if we are not roused from our Lethargy we shall be undone. Arms Amunition &^c all go to the Northern States. 15000 Continental Plunkets are lately arrived in their Ports. I see very plainly, that the Southern States will be obliged to Shift for themselves. We got our Instructions from the Gen^l Assembly Entered on the Journals last friday, they are said to be well drawn by good Judges and I hope will have weight, several causes seem to conspire to engage greater attention to be paid to our declarations than we have hitherto experienced. Connecticut is now I am told by Sharman disposed to allow Congress to settle the dispute about the Back lands. That State has empowered its Delegates to confederate with the other States, but on the express Condition that Maryland shall have the power at any time hereafter to accede to the confederation on equal terms with the other States. The 800000 dollars were sent off last Monday, and I hope are before this come to hand safe

The great Dominion of Virg^a surely can repel 2000 Men. More than that number were not embarked at New York. Speculation here has arrived to such a height, and prices in three weeks encreased 100 p C^t. This has made those Vermins the Speculators become the object of resentment,