

ways and, considering the Road, we submit to you whether it would not be well for the Arms to be taken out of the Cases at the Tenoloways and the Men carry them up in their Hands. We hope and expect from the great Change in our Affairs, that you will not be long distressed by the Indians, or we on the Water by the British. We are &c<sup>a</sup>  
Col<sup>o</sup> Barrett.

[Duer and Others to Gov. Johnson.]

Original

Sir,

Inclosed we send you Extracts from a Letter found on board a sloop which stranded on Cape Henlopen the 1<sup>st</sup> instant. We should have sent your Excellency the original, but that there were other matters in it which concern the State of Virginia. You will perceive Sir, how necessary the utmost vigilance will be to detect and punish these nefarious practices, which we have reason to apprehend are frequently repeated on the Eastern shore in your State and in Delaware. Congress, having obtained several Letters which were found in the afs<sup>d</sup> sloop, referred them to a Committee: As we find nothing in any others of them, that we conceive may be useful to you, we have only to assure you that it will afford us a singular pleasure to render you any service in assisting to secure and bring to trial such wicked Traitors. We have the Honor to be

Your Excellency's  
Most obedient humble Servants

W<sup>m</sup> Duer  
Tho<sup>s</sup> M. Kean  
Richard Henry Lee

His Excellency  
Thomas Johnson Esquire

Extract of a Letter from John Lancaster of New York to  
M<sup>r</sup> James Parker at Philadelphia, dated April 27. 1778.

“On the 25<sup>th</sup> the S<sup>t</sup> Albans arrived here from Hampton Road, in her old Gutrich and a son of D<sup>r</sup> Strohans of Richmond Came passengers, she brought upwards of two hundred prisoners, and M<sup>r</sup> Gutrich says that 130 men from Somerset County in Maryland are on board the Virginia Frigate inlisted into the British Service by M<sup>r</sup> ——— who is come off with them, and that the above Gentleman at pleasure could fetch off 170 more who had agreed to enter into the King's Service, Last night came to this city a young man of the name of