

I shall be much obliged if your Excellency will please to give me as full directions as possible how to conduct myself in Opposing the Enemy & in all other affairs. April 2

[John Hanson, Philadelphia, to the Governor and Council.]

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M<sup>r</sup> Carroll and I wrote to your Excellency and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council by last post, requesting a supply of one thousand Dollars each of the new Emission, but at the present Exchange, I find that sum will be insufficient to answer my Immediate purposes—the exchange between Gold and Silver and the Emissions of the 18<sup>th</sup> March Issued by the State of Maryland, is as 40 to 140, so that one silver Dollar is equal to three and a half. I must therefore request that my sum may be encreased to fifteen hundred Dollars for which I will be accountable at the Exchange that may be settled by the state

The Marquis De la Fayette writes from Williamsburgh of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult. That the whole British fleet put out to Sea on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> and return'd again with a number of Transports (supposed to be from New York) on the 25<sup>th</sup> it is said these Transports had 2000 Troops on Board—these Joined with the Army under Arnold it is feared will do great mischief I have inclosed you a hand Bill Containing an Account of the Action of the 15<sup>th</sup> and of the Killed wounded and missing of the Continentals—by the return from the D A General we also lost of the Militia 97 Killed and wounded officers included and missing 846 privates supposed to be gone home. The Riffle regiments Commanded by Campbell and Lynch had 224 Killed and wounded, officers included.

[Rich<sup>d</sup> Barnes, Leo<sup>d</sup> Town, to His Excellency Tho<sup>s</sup> Sim Lee, Esq<sup>r</sup>] April 3

I have enclosed you a Letter from Col<sup>s</sup> Jordan, Hebb & Thomas recommending one Hundred of Militia with their Horses to be immediately raised for the defence of the Co<sup>ty</sup> which I have ordered from the Upper Batt<sup>n</sup> of Militia to hold themselves in readiness untill we can have an answer from you. The propriety of the measure, If we are desirous of doing any thing to the purpose, is to me very striking as it is impossible for us to collect the Militia and meet the Enemy on their present plan of conduct, unless their is a party of men on Horseback constantly watching their movements In short if something is not immediately done for the protection of the Cot<sup>ns</sup> ruin must be the consequence to many of the Inhabitants, besides other evils which I have already informed you of. The Arms we have are distributed in such places as would answer the above plan. The Enemy have plundered many since I last wrote to you, and are now on St. Georges Island. The party that are there have, as I have been informed four Sloops, & four or five Barges. There has been several Brushes with them and the Militia, in which we have had one Man wounded. If you shuld think it proper for us to execute the