

under Digby and Darby to the relief of Gibraltar. The French followed with 25 & the Spaniards had 32 before the place, which if not relieved was expected to Surrender in two months from February. No account of the second Division 28 Ships of Line were expected at Martinique & that Mons. Bougainville would come from there here with 8 Ships & 8000 Troops April 23

The Confederacy is taken by the Roebuck of 44 Guns & the Alfred Frigate without firing a Gun The Captain is much censured: and if all is true he deserves to be shot. The Vessel is a great loss having on board many useful supplies & some Specie

I have to beg of your honorable Board to prepare my instructions as fast as possible. I may be called hastily away & wish much not to go without them.

[Sam Huntington, to the Hon^{ble} Matthew Tilghman Esq^r]

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By a confidential person we are informed "that it may be depended on as a certainty that a very considerable embarkation has taken place in New York and has been ready for sailing for some days with which gen S^r H. Clinton is going."

NB. the foregoing Intelligence was receiv^d the 27th of April since which no farther accounts have been receiv^d

[Sam. Smith, Balt., to Gov. Lee.]

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Three Ships, Two Brigs & a Small Schooner lay opposite the Mouth of our river, in the Ship Channell the Nearest ab^t 3 & the farthest at 5 Miles dist. from North Point we are not able to discover their Intentions. I Have the Town part of my Battalion under Arms to the Number of ab^t 650 Including Horse & Artillery & Have taken every precaution for the protection of this Place

Acco^{ts} from N. Point this Morning say they remain at anchor

[Rich^d Barnes, Leo^d Town to His Excellency Tho^s Sim Lee, Esq^r] April 24

I find that it is impossible for the County to be protected against our present Enemy by the Militia, to have them to collect when they are wanted, and to have such numbers as are and must in that case be, who are totally improper for the purpose. In consequence of which I have taken the advice of Col^s Jordan, Fenwick & Thomas, who are of opinion, that one hundred and Twenty men, shuld be immediately raised, part of which to be Horse, and kept together whilst the Enemy continue in the Bay. I have so far agreed with them in opinion, as to order from all the Companys of Militia in the Co^{ty} one hundred Men of those that can be best spared, and are most proper, to render service, part of which to be [Horse] not exceeding thirty, which I suppose will take near a Week to accomplish fully, and to have them stationed till the Enemy return down