

31. some Measure their Intercourse, that it would prevent any attempt, by a small Force, under Assurances of Assistance from the Tories and if any Thing more formidable, should be sent, the well affected Part of the Militia would instantly collect there, as a Place of general Rendezvous and enable the Regulars to make a Stand 'til effectual Support could be given. These Reasons have induced the General Assembly to request one of the Continental Battalions, which I think will in all Likelihood, be the cheapest Mode of Defence, and the Regiment being left for a Time in this State, may probably be the Occasion of its filling the sooner for a good many of our People are possessed with the Humour of serving within, rather than out of their own State. If no Succour is afforded, the inclosed Petitions to the Governor, Council and General Assembly of this State and the Remonstrance and Petition of Accomack, Somerset and Worcester Counties to the Congress, fully show, our Friends will despair of being able to support themselves. I have also inclosed you a copy of an Act of our General Assembly for building Barracks; The Accommodations for the Troops, either quartered or occasionally in this State, are not such as are desirable, very inconvenient to the Inhabitants and very expensive, the Assembly are therefore desirous, tho' it will be expensive, to make a better and more suitable Provision, and to enable us to do it, hope for the Assistance of Congress. The great separate Expence we are at, and the frequent Drafts in Favour of the seven Battalions raising here, has much weakened our Treasury and obliges me to request a further Sum of Money, to be lodged by Congress, to enable further Advances to those Regiments; it is of consequence to the Service, without it we shall not be able to raise and forward the Troops. I shall be obliged to you Sir, to lay these Matters before Congress and to that Honorable Body, for their speedy Decision thereon.

If a few brass Field Pieces can be spared, they are desirable
 To The Hon^{ble} the President of the Congress.

I am Sir with the highest Respect
 your most obed^t. Humble Serv^t.

Sirs

Annapolis 23^d Apr. 1774.

32. I inclose you several Resolutions of the Hon^{ble} House of Delegates, and two Memorials & sundry Depositions referred to, in, and delivered me with, those Resolutions. Our Government now taking a settled Form, I flatter myself, that the Peace and good Order of Society will be duly regarded and that Violence will, in future, be abstained from. The Laws and your Commission making it, in a Particular Manner, your Duty to afford the Subjects of this State Protection against all Violence or Injury within your County, to their Persons or Properties. I have the utmost Confidence that you will give Mr. Goddard every Protection, warranted by Law, in your Power.

Worshipfull Justices
 of Baltimore County

I am Gent^l
 your most obed^t. Serv^t.