

I had prepared the inclosed Letters and intended to have sent them of the
 N^o. 33. Evening, or in the Morning by Express. Our Assembly broke up on Sunday, your
 Letter of the 2^d Inst. and its Inclosure makes the Consideration, of that Part of
 mine relative to a Battalion being Stationed in Somerset County, unnecessary, though
 it must give the Gentlemen of the Congress Pleasure to see that they have anticipated
 the Request of the General Assembly and made a Provision fully adequate, and
 we judge, for the Occasion. — A good many who were in the late daring
 Practices, did not take the Benefit of the Proclamation, 50 or 60 have been sent up either
 as such, most of them ignorant miserable People, and some who seemed rather to have
 been Spectators than concerning; those of any Influence are kept in Confinement, but
 the wretched we have discharged, on taking the Oath of Fidelity, and, in all Instances,
 where required by the Field Officers, delivering up their Arms. There is still a small
 Force of Militia kept up and we have lately had Letters from the Officers, from
 whence it seems they are not apprehensive, but on the Event of a Force being sent by
 our Enemies. The Governor and Council are intrusted by the Legislature with a Power
 of seizing, imprisoning or ordering to any Part of the State, those who they may suspect to
 be inimically disposed. — The Legislature have also passed a Jury Bill, giving the
 Magistrates pretty extensive Powers. I make no Doubt but that every Thing recommen-
 ded in the Resolutions will be executed by the executive Power, except inventuring
 the Estates of the Disaffected and taking the Profits of their Lands, that, as the Reso-
 lution supposes, being only to be done by the Assembly, who will, I expect, defray the
 Expence of Imprisonment out of the Delinquents Estates. — Several Circumstances
 amongst others the Small Pox, being rife here, makes ~~an~~ immediate Meeting of the
 Assembly almost impracticable, but if the Battalions should not fill up, under the
 Provision made, id est, the Liberty of inlisting Servants, not having more than 18
 Months to serve and valued under £10. and Apprentices to enlist, I shall, as soon
 as it can well be done, convene the Assembly, and lay the Resolutions of Congress
 which I received Yesterday in your Letter of the 2^d Inst., before them. — Presuming
 the Congress were much engaged about Business of greater Moment, I recommended
 to the Assembly to appoint Commissioners to state the Accts of the Militia who
 went with me to the Jerseys last Jan^y, and, to prevent any Discontent, from
 their not soon receiving their Pay, to enable our Treasury to advance the Money.
 The Assembly passed the Resolution inclosed, and, in consequence of it, I appointed
 John Hanson Jur^t. William Deakins & Samuel Beall, to audit and settle the Accts
 they are I expect, now on that Work, and I should be glad that Congress would
 order Money for the Payment, subject to what Restrictions they may think
 Proper.

His Excell^{ty} John Hancock Esq^r
 Presid^t of the Congress. —

I am Sir
 most respectfully
 your obed^t Serv^t