

of (ardage) or Hands for the first time. The getting out of the Gallies, & the
 of the first Attention with us, will be prosecuted as such, and as soon as any of
 No 35. them are fit, they will be ordered below, where we shall be glad to hear from you
 are ready to act in concert with them. The Removal of the Stock, agreeable to the
 Recommendation of Congress, appeared to our Assembly impracticable. An Officer
 ours, one Mr. Courts, who was taken at Long Island and lately exchanged, informs me
 that it was said in New York a little before he came from thence, that Gen. Burgoyne
 had arrived in Chesapeake with 10,000 Troops; This I look on as a Confirmation, in
 some Measure, of our former Intelligence, that the Enemy design to send Gen. Burgoyne
 with that Force, against us; if it takes Place, we shall cheerfully render every Assis-
 tance in our Power and expect the Aid of our Neighbours, as Circumstances may make
 necessary. Nothing further occurs to me, at present, if there should, I shall
 frankly communicate, and hope to be favoured from Time to Time, with your
 Sentiments on this or any other Subject, in which both States are interested

Governor Henry. } I am Sir with very great Respect & Esteem
 By the most obed^t. humble Serv^t.

Sir
 In Council Annapolis 25th April 1777.
 We have inclosed you the Resolutions of Congress of the 19th Inst. received
 yesterday; you will mention only such Part of them as is proper to be generally
 36. known. Some Part of each of the Maryland Battalions, has already marched
 to Philadelphia, and from the Information we have received, we are induced
 to think yours is as weak as either of them. We are not now sorry that it has
 happened so as there are many Reasons which make it desirable you should
 command the Force designed to cover the Eastern Shore. We have therefore
 according to the Power given us by Congress, appointed your Battalion for that
 Service, and desire you will immediately give Orders for such of them as have
 marched, to return, and appoint the general Rendezvous of your Battalion
 at Cambridge. We are very desirous of seeing you here, as soon as it may
 be safe to you, to settle the Plan of embodying the 300 Militia, and providing
 Bents, Subsistence &c. for the whole, as well as the Spot for encamping.
 We also inclose you a copy of Part of a Letter from Mr. Morris, from which
 we expect some Arms are at Dover for us, pray send an Officer, or some trusty
 Hand to receive them and have them lodged at a convenient Place for you.

Col^o. William Richardson. } We are &c.

Inclosing as above, and an Order to deliver the Arms to Col^o.
 Richardson or his Order.

Sir
 In Council Annapolis 25th April 1777.
 The Board of War lately wrote to the Governor to remove the Scotch Prisoners in
 Baltimore, from thence. We have understood they were carried off with
 37. Detachment of the Maryland Continental Regiments. Advise us if there are
 any, and what Prisoners, in Baltimore Town, that proper Orders may be taken.
 Capt. Nathl. Smith } We are &c.