

and, as soon as possible, advised us of your Success no Time is to be lost and if this Method, contrary to our Hopes and Expectations should not succeed some other must be fallen upon We have enclosed you the Form of an Enrollment and are

Inrollm^t

We the Subscribers do hereby enroll ourselves to serve our Maryland Militia under the Resolution of Congress of the 19th Day of April last, until the 10th Day of December next, unless sooner discharged by the Executive Authority of this State, witness our Hands

Circular

To the Col^o of the Eastern Shore.

Sir

In Council Annapolis 8th May 1774.

We received your Letter of the fifth Instant by the Post, directed to the Governour. We feel no Inclination to impose Terms of Concession inconsistent with the Honor of a Gentleman or Officer. Your Letter of the 25th of April conveyed an Affront to the Governour and Council; Your explicit Disapprobation of your Conduct in Writing that Letter, is but a necessary Attonement and will, as to us, be satisfactory, the Terms are left to yourself. The more Attention the Affair of impressing Men without the previous Allowance of the Legislature of this State, is viewed with; the stronger will it be seen to be our Duty to prevent it, and if any on Board the Frigate have through Force or Fear, been induced to sign the Articles or receive the Bounty, we insist such be discharged for Freedom of Will is essential to the Validity of every Imlistment. The Apprehension that the other Officers would decline the Service, if you should not go in the Ship, has no Influence on us. We should be sorry to see such a Spirit take Place in any Body of Officers, and should assuredly rather meet than give Way to such a Humour

Capt. James Nicholson

We are Sir Yea,

Sir

In Council Annapolis 9th May 1774.

We find on Examination, the Circumstances concerning the Money left in the Hands of the Committee are a good deal perplexed. We intend to be in Baltimore soon, and, whether we touch that Money or not, give Directions as to what may appear to us immediately necessary, a Well will certainly be so, and we desire you would hire People and have a good one finished as soon as you can. If Capt. Gailbrath nor the Commissary can give you an Account of the Stores we are desirous you should take an Account yourself of what you take into your Care, that merely delivering up the Stores may not be a Settlement of the Account of them. You will, as you propose remove them to the Point, if you judge that the safest Place. Inclosed you have an Order to furnish you with Linen for Hunting Shirts and Overalls for the ~~Army~~ Companies in Baltimore. We have given Mr. Dorsey a Captains Commission as you desire, we have not filled up the Lieutenancies as you desired. The Matter with the Recommendation of Mr. Dorsey