

24. The Assembly have not yet told us that we are  
N<sup>o</sup> 117. We are Yea.  
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In Council Annapolis 27<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

118. William Ward the Post Rider having reported that the Virginia Brigade was taken by 70 Men in an eighteen gun Vessel, Sword in Hand, and that the Marylanders were said, in Virginia, to be great Cowards for giving up such a Ship to such a Force; we thought proper to call on him to know the Grounds he had for such News and he says it was so reported at Alexandria, and that one Mr. Chapman of Mill Run in particular, he heard speak of it. In his Journey next before this, he mentioned that he had met with an Express who told him, that he was going to recall the Troops because of a Skirmish at York, in which we were worsted. We do not know the general Conduct or Character of William Ward, but, if you do not know him to be well attached, we think this discouraging false News may probably have originated with himself, with the bad Design of discouraging, and that he is improper for his Employment; if it proceeds from Weakness and Credulity, your Caution, with ours, may not be unnecessary. — We are Yea.

W. Josias Mattow.

119. Gentlemen of the General Assembly. The Resolutions of the late Convention for re-inlisting the old Battalion and the Independent Companies, directing one Regiment to be formed of the first and another of the latter. The Men of those Corps respectively who have gone into the Continental Service, have been incorporated into the first and second Regiments, but many of the old Troops are yet scattered about, and several of the Officers have represented that they know of some of them who would cheerfully engage in the Service, if they were indulged with the liberty of choosing in which of our Regiments to serve; The Council and I were inclined strongly, to have given the Indulgence requested, if we had considered ourselves at Liberty to do so, and submit to your Consideration, whether the General Service would not be promoted by allowing any of our Officers to enlist the old Troops, who have not yet come in. The Resolutions for raising the first of the Artillery Companies, ascertained their Pay and Cloathing; The Resolution for raising the additional Companies, allowed several further Articles of Cloathing; The Resolution of the General Assembly of the fourteenth of April last entitles them to the same Pay as the Continental marching Regiments, without saying any thing of their Cloathing, and the Resolution of the eighteenth of April allows the Marines the same Pay and Cloathing as the Artillery Men, from whence there is no Doubt but that the Allowance of Cloathing was presumed to be alike to every Company and the Officers claim the same Men, the same Cloathing as the Continental Troops are entitled to.