

We hoped to have heard from you before this Time, of your Success in
 reinlisting the Matroses into the Continental Service, but have not received
 a Line on the Subject. Capt. Brown has reinlisted the Number fixed in
 Annapolis and will, in a few Days, be ready to march, but, 'til we know
 what Officers in Baltimore are desirous of continuing in the Service, we
 cannot, with Propriety, appoint his Officers. We therefore desire to hear
 from you as soon as ~~possibly~~ may be and that you will inform
 us what Officers are desirous of continuing in the Service, the Dates
 of their Commissions and which of them are willing to march. —
 We are Sir &c.
 Majr. Nath. Smith.

In Council Annapolis 29th Nov. 1777. —

Sir. We have drawn the Order to Capt. Emory for the £50⁰ 10-0 extra Bounty
 Money as you desire in yours of the 17th Inst. and have furnished him with the
 best Account of your Battalion we are able, which we hope will enable you
 to settle your Acc^t and draw the Money due. The Congress expressly agreed
 to pay the Militia raised to act with your Battalion, and we can no
 more draw Pay for them out of our Treasury, without the Orders of the
 Assembly, than for any, or all, of our Regular Regiments. —
 We are Sir &c.
 Col. Wm Richardson.

In Council Annapolis Tuesday Morning Dec. 9th 1777. —

Sir. In consequence of the Intelligence received of some British Ships of War
 having gone up Patowmack, we have sent a Waggon down with Arms &c.
 which we request you will distribute as you will see best for the Public
 Service. We hope you will take the necessary Steps to prevent the Enemy
 from committing Ravages on the Inhabitants, by placing Guards at suitable
 Stations. You are also to endeavour to obstruct all Intercourse and, if the
 Service should require it, that you will take the Command of the Prince
 Georges County Militia. This Request is occasioned by the Uncertainty we
 are under whether the Lieutenant of that County has received his Com-
 mission, very lately issued and the great Probability of his being much
 indisposed at Present. The Scene of your Action will be so remote from
 us, that we shall not have it in our Power to assist you with our
 Advice, when you may require it. We therefore refer you to Mr. Stone, who
 will readily give you any Aid in his Power. Should unforeseen Difficulties
 render it necessary, let us hear from you occasionally by Express —
 We are Sir &c.

Francis Ware Esq^r }
 Lt. of Charles County }