

rank amongst themselves, according to the Rank established by the  
No 71. Assembly, except in two or three Instances, which were generally esteemed  
improper and which the Assembly would have corrected, had they not  
not been quite tired of the Subject: We are sending some Coats from hence,  
your Blankets go up with them. The Boat is to call at Baltimore for what  
Mr. Calhoun has his stockings added to what we have must be divided, we  
think your Coats had better go up in the Boat and your Men too, it will  
save a great Deal of Fatigue, to the Head of Elk. We should gladly  
send you the Money you want, but it is not in our Power, there is  
not £1000, we are sure, in the Office. Do pers the Sheriff to request a  
few Gent. to pay in Part of their Assesment, there is no other Fund.  
We have just received Advice that there are two Men of War in  
Patawmack and that they have taken the State Ship Lydia.  
Col. Saml. Smith. We are Sirs &c

In Council Annapolis 13<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778.

42. Sirs  
We received yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> last Night. Nothing is left in our Power,  
with Respect to Capt. Fenwick, but to endeavour to get him and his People  
back again. We have got Prisoners enough, taken in Merchant Vessels, to  
exchange for the Lydia's Crew, but they are at a Distance from hence and it  
will be several Days before they can be sent down. If the Men of War are not  
already gone down, we request you to send a Flag on board and desire the  
Captain to send Fenwick and <sup>the</sup> Crew on Shore, for whom we will send a like  
Number of Prisoners of equal Rank, on board the Man of War and you  
are empowered to pledge our Faith for the Performace, or, if the Capt  
will not send them on Shore, to desire his Promise that they shall  
not be sent away til we have an Opportunity of sending a Flag, with  
Prisoners in Exchange. We do not know the Number or Rank of Fenwick's  
People on Board. if you can ascertain them, please to advise us. Capt  
David's Galley wants heaving down and several Things to be done to her, we  
wish her to come up as soon as she can with safety. The Arms we sent, we designed  
should be and thought were, effective: many of the Public Arms, some of them  
since returned, were then out. It was out of our Power to send you  
Arms of one sized bore or fitted with Bayonets; we had a few with  
Bayonets but wanting Belts and Scabbards: those you have may be returned  
and we shall contrive you as many others, though it is next to impossible  
to get Scabbards and Belts at present. We have seen a Gent. lately from  
Wilmington but we have nothing new from thence, the Army is from  
Congress. We inclose Capt. David's Orders which we wish you to send  
him and, by which, you will see that he is to come up or stay, as  
you may judge best. We are Sirs &c

Col. Rich. Barnes.