

In Council Annapolis 3^d June 1779

524. Sir Having received certain Intelligence of the Enemy's leaving the Bay, we think it proper to put a Stop to the Removal of the Public Stores from Baltimore

Robert Duckham Esq.

We are &c.

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525. Sir you are desired on Receipt of this, to bring the Genl. Smallwood down to Annapolis. This is to Mr. Heeparts who is requested to furnish you with 30th Park & as much more as you think proper to bring you down

Mr. Saml. Bridgen

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526. Genl. The Recommendation from Congress to raise 25,000,000 of Dollars and a Letter rec^d. from Genl. Washington, strongly pressing the Necessity of filling up the Quotas of Troops, may probably occasion our calling the Assembly sooner than we designed. The recruiting Service has not been altogether without Success, though it would have been much better, had it been entered on sooner, or even, had it had been sent down as we proposed. If this Subject should come before the Assembly, it is very natural for them to expect to have a full Knowledge of the State of the Maryland Troops and to see too how the other States have filled up their Quotas: we shall not be able to give them the necessary Information without your Assistance, and we request you'll send us the Summary of the last Return of the Army, if you are at Liberty to do so. We have been obliged to furnish the Officers and Men, down on the Recruiting Service, with several Articles of Cloathing and the Recruits with more; this seems out of the Line of the Resolutions of Congress, but, we expect, the Necessity will justify the Deviation and the State will be allowed; advise us if you think otherwise.

Delegates in Congress

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527. Sir. By a Letter just received from Mr. Purviance, the Merchants are very desirous of getting the Conqueror down the Bay, but want 12 or 15 of the Balt. Company of Matroses to assist in Manning her. Desirous of contributing all we can, we wish you to furnish the Men; we hope they may be induced to go with their Consent, if not, advise us of it. As the present Appearance of Things promises an Opportunity of hearing the Pretensions of those of your Men who have applied for a Discharge, we wish you to come down, as formerly desired, with what Witnesses & Evidence you have or can get adduced to support the Propriety of their Indisments & to permit some of the Petitioners to come hither at the same Time

Majr. Nathl. Smith.

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528. Sir. The taking the two french Ships for English Men of War was a very un lucky Mistake. The Arms in Pregar's Vessel are designed for Carolina and Men are now waiting in Virginia for them & the Accoutrements and if Pregar's Vessel is not safe to carry them, we request you immediately to hire a Vessel, if it can be done on reasonable Terms, to carry them to Potomack Creek; if Vessels cannot be hired on reasonable Terms, we request you'll have them pressed. Pregar ought to go with the Arms &c. and see that they are all delivered, he having given a Receipt for them; he lay here some Time & never intimated any Thing of his Vessel's being at all out of Order, probably he may have been negligent in not furnishing her. You will render the Public a most acceptable Service in pushing these Things away, for the Men will not march til they get them. We have no Vessel that will send, or we would save you this Trouble.

Henry Hooper Esq.
Sh. of Dorchester County

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