

Thursday 9th March 1776.

We are Gent.

Yr humble Servant.

To the Committee of Observation
for Baltimore County.

Sir.

A ship of war and two tenders have just bore in sight. We request therefore that you will immediately repair to this City and order Capt Stone to march up with his Company as expeditiously as he can. The Capt will call at Upper Marlboro' on his way hither and receive such ~~arms~~ Public arms as may be collected there by the Committee of Observation for Prince Georges County. —

To Col Smallwood
Gent.

And are &c

We request that you will immediately collect all the public arms in your County and deliver them to Capt Stone or his order. The service of the public requires the utmost expedition in this measure.

Yrs &c

To Committee of P.G. City.
Gent.

The man of war and her tenders have passed by this Harbor and are standing off the Bay, we presume for your town —

Yrs &c

To Committee of Balt Town.

In Council of Safety March 7th 1776.

The man of war and tenders are gone past the mouth of the Severn and are bound as we believe off the bay to Baltimore Town. You are therefore to march immediately to Baltimore Town with your battalions and endeavour to repel any hostile attempt that may be made. Should any powder or lead be wanted, you may be supplied from Major Gaithers' —

for order —

To Colo. Thomas Dossy.
Gent.

We approve very highly your conduct and the spirited behaviour of the Militia. The Man of war and tenders are past this Harbor and we apprehend are bound to Baltimore, but as there is no determining precisely their destination and as possibly they may return more speedily than we imagine and attempt a landing in your County we recommend it to you to keep up a constant guard to watch your coast. We thank you for your information relative to the place for the station of the Troops for your County and request you will immediately provide the houses at Drum Point or so many of them as may be necessary for the said Troops as we have ordered stationed there.

To Committee of Calvert.

And are &c

Annapolis 10th the clock Friday morning.
8th March 1776

Gent

We received your letter just now and are glad to hear the ship Defiance has got her guns and that some of the powder and arms we expected had arrived at the head of Elk. We doubt not your doing every thing for the best in ordering them down. Our Commissary is not in town. We request you will appoint one pro tempore and take care that nothing may be wanted in the provision way that may be thought necessary,

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