

Annapolis Ten o'clock at Night Friday

My dear Barrister,

Mr Eddis is this moment returned from the Otter sloop of War and brought a letter from Capt Squire to the Governor, a copy of it I send you. As I expected so it has turned out that the man of war was detained three or four hours and in all probability will not be before Baltimore Town till seven or eight o'clock in the morning. I therefore send you this express to apprise you and the Committee of Balt Town that the Otter has 18 guns, one of the Tenders six guns and 4 swivels and the other armed with swivels only. The Capt is to read a prayer in the morning and the ship's defence. I wish with all my heart our stores were out and the ship at the bottom of the sea. Eddis left the man of war at 4 o'clock, about which time Hudson's ship was taken. The Committee of Balt Town being apprized of these particulars will take their measures accordingly. Squire behaved politely to Middleton when in distress and was he to come here in peaceable times I should be glad to show him the civility due to a gentleman but I think he will have better luck than I expect he will meet with if he purchases much provision in Annapolis. The vessel burnt off the mouth of Severn Squire says was done without order and done by an inconsiderate midshipman. She was with but little and had only two barrels of Flour in her I believe.

Sir,

We inclose you an order for Capt Stricker's Company to march down to Baltimore Town instead of coming to Annapolis if you think it necessary. When the man of war leaves Balt Town and comes down this way you will be pleased to order them to Annapolis. Nothing new has happened since writing you last night. Stricker has already been ordered here your express may be directed to meet him.

To C. Carroll Esq.

We are your most obedt Servts

Leut.

Alexander Wickham was apprehend and brot before us yesterday in consequence of a letter from Mr Saml Sharpe to Messrs Wallace and Darshon setting forth that the said Wickham was a person inimical to the liberties of this Country and was suspected of being on his way to Lord Dunmore. As the trial of Wickham before our board would at this time interfere with business of great importance to this province and as the witnesses in both sides reside on the Eastern Shore we have thought proper to send him under the custody of Lieut Frazier to your Committee in order that you may try and determine the truth of the offence laid to his charge. You will therefore proceed to make the proper inquiry into this matter and conduct yourself therein as you shall judge most conducive to the public good.

To Committee of Balt.

Leut.

We have received your letter recommending the Town of Cambridge as the most convenient and proper place for the independent Company of your County to be stationed at, and as we approve of that place we have ordered Capt Woolford to station his Company there.

To Committee of Dorchester.

Sir