

to Governor Eden and particularly a circular letter also a private from Lord B. Germaine, which we take it for granted you have seen in some of the Committees of Baltimore apuring us that they forwarded Duplicates to the Congress. On receipt of these letters Monday afternoon, we immediately gave orders to apprehend R. S. J. and the next morning a Deputation from on board together with W. Paca Esq. then in town waited on the Governor, showed him the copies of the intercepted letters, and requested a sight of his letter of the 27th of August to Lord Dartmouth. The Governor declared to us that we had sent away the copy of that letter with all his other papers of consequence last fall, and ~~reminded~~ ^{remember} not the particulars, but observed we might be convinced there was nothing of a nature ~~unfriendly~~ to the peace of this Province, because the troops going to the Southward were not ordered here. He asserted also upon his honour that he had not endeavoured to enflame the ministry, by traducing the characters of individuals, some he had spoke well of, others he had recommended as sufferers. The Gentlemen of the Congress he had spoke of acting within the line of moderation.

The deputation informed him they were instructed to ask his parole that he would not leave the Province till the meeting of the Convention; he complained of being unjustly suspected, gave us his letters from Wm Eden Esq. his Brother one of the Under Secretaries, also from Lord Dartmouth (copies of which we had leave to take and herewith transmit you), he desired time till this day 12. o'clock to give his definitive answer: he has given it, and we send you a copy thereof; we look upon it as giving his parole in effect that he will not leave the Province till the Convention, and will endeavour to promote the peace thereof in the mean time: he wishes to continue in that line of conduct as long as he can consistent with his station, and will not leave the Province, after the Convention, provided they will assure him that when he finds he can no longer stay with peace and consistency, he may have leave to depart and carry his effects - this we promised to recommend to our friends in Convention. W. P. agrees with us in opinion that we may rest satisfied with this answer and not call the Convention sooner than the 27th of May, unless something further should intervene. You have probably heard that our Convention did not meet agreeable to their late adjournment. on Friday evening 26 members who were collected agreed to separate and that G. Durall should write a circular letter informing the Delegates that the members assembled recommended the holding a Convention on the 27th of May. We inclose also a copy of their circular letter.

The indignity offered our Board by the Committee of Safety in Virginia and the want of confidence in the Balt Committee to say nothing ^{more} harsh we cannot help complaining of. We know of no good cause for this insult in passing us by, nor can we conceive what motives could induce such treatment. We send you by W. Green who will hand you this £1372.0.7 currency in gold for the Continental Service. W. P. has delivered in the money he brought for the Treasury. Be pleased to forward the money plated by Mr. Green if not already sent. We are Gent with respect to Deputies of old in Congress. Yr. M^{rs}: obed^t Devote

P.S. The last Box of Continental powder if not already sent to Chester we would have ordered to Balt having sent powder to the Eastern Shore. The copies of the Governor's letters are sent in confidence and are not to be printed. His answer to his Esq's letter you shall receive by the next post.

Sir Jm