

Letter from Commodore Hammond of the Roebuck to the Governor which we have seen, he is to be sent for shortly. - The Letter is dated at Gwynns Island, (which we take to be near Pianketank between the mouths of Potowmack and Rappahannock) the Letter informs they came there to compleat their wood and water; private Intelligence says the Island is of some miles extent and has stock of cattle, sheep &c. thereon; and that they are casting up Intrenchments to defend themselves against the militia. - how long they will remain there, is uncertain, our Islands will probably be plundered next, and they will move up conjectured up the River Potowmack, or our Bay. - We should be exceedingly glad to have our Military Stores particularly Cannon and small arms lent the Congress for fitting out the Wasp and Hornet, inclosed we send you copy of the particulars, and wish you would apply when there is probability of succeeding.

Mr. Smith informs that a vessel under Spanish Colours was lately taken in Delaware Bay with 14000 Dollars on board, the boxes that contained them are marked W. M. from whence he thinks they belong to Willing and Morris, and that there maybe more money on board, he confirms the report of Stock on the Island and says a Commissary is appointed to see that the people are paid. Mr. Smith also says that Commodore Hammond and Lord Dunmore both assured him that they had certain Intelligence that Commissioners were coming over and that he inferred from their conversation, they were to treat with the Congress he also says that they told him a very powerful fleet was expected with the Troops from England, that Hudsons Ship was with the Fleet now at Gwynns Island that she was not yet condemned a witness being wanting that was on board the Liverpool Frigate, whom Dunmore told Mr. Smith, could prove that the Congress had papers on board concealed in a Log of wood which probably would condemn her. We wish to hear from you by every good opportunity and are gentlemen

Yr most obed. Servts

for order.

To Deputies in Congress.

Gentlemen. We received Intelligence this morning by the Governors Secretary who is just returned from the Roebuck off Gwynns Island that the whole Fleet which left Norfolk consisting of about 90 sail was arriv'd at Gwynns Island that they had land their men and were intrenching themselves & that they found a large supply of fresh provision on the said Island, that no ships of war were coming up the Bay only