

Counties of Lord Dunmore and the Flood and his Command being removed from Gwynns Island, at a small distance up Potowmack River with intention as we suppose of landing at some place within the river and if he should be unsuccessful in the attempt we think it not improbable but he may endeavor to make a landing somewhere or other upon the Eastern shore and should that be the case we have no doubt but upon the receipt of this that you'll be in readiness as soon as may be with the militia under your command to oppose every attempt that he may make to land within your district.

Should the militia in your District be in want of powder you'll be pleased to apply to Brigadier Chamberlain for as much as may be necessary for your immediate purpose.

To General Hooper

Sir. Be pleased to send down immediately by the Tenders Resolution two eighteen pounders with the carriages, with rammers, sponges, Ladles and worms and a sufficient number of wads of all sizes with 500 five pound shot.

we are &c.

To Capt. Nathl Smith

In Council of Safety

Balt. Town

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Sir. We are in want of about 20 4<sup>th</sup> Cannon, 20 3<sup>rd</sup> & 20 2<sup>nd</sup> & 40 swivels for the use of the Province and desire to know whether you will engage to furnish us with those quantities immediately - if you can be pleased to favor us as soon as possible with your arms, the time by which you will have them made, tho' it will be much more agreeable to us to see you upon the occasion - we shall likewise want 200 from Potts some to contain 4 and others 2, galleons, with Bales or handles to supply the place of Camp kettles & should be glad you would advise us whether you could also cast them for us and by what time, likewise the price.

To Col. James Johnson.

Gentlemen. Inclosed we send you the declaration of Independence and the letter that accompanied it from Congress to the Convention requesting that it should be proclaimed in our Colony, we transmit the declaration to you that you may proclaim it in your County in the manner you judge most proper for the information of the People.

we are &c.

To the Committee of Observation

In Council of Safety

of \_\_\_\_\_ County

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen.

In Council of Safety July 16<sup>th</sup> 1776.

We received your letter by Mr. Smith, and send you by him the sum of 150 L. currency to defray expenses for which you will hereafter render us an acct. We send you inclosed exact copies of the Invoices that have been transmitted to us from Messrs. Banbber & Harrison,

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