

pleased to dispatch Capt. Courway with a light load of salt and such of the articles as you can purchase for us as recommended you in our letter of equal date with this

To Nanbeben,

We are &c.

Sirs,

Sept 13th 1776.

We have the pleasure to inform you that you were on yesterday appointed Commander of the Ship Defence now lying at Annapolis, bound out on a cruise; and the Honble Convention have directed us to inform you of this appointment and to request your immediate attendance to take the command of said Ship;

We are with esteem & regard,

Your most obt^d Serv^t

Capt. George Cooke

Sirs,

St. Marys County,

We send by Capt. Levin Covington the County money for raising a company of Militia in your County— we do not send the months pay advance because we think the company ought to be in some few weeks before that money is issued; Armes are to be borrowed or impressed you are to have a meeting of Field officers and Captains on Monday next, by order of Convention when the recommendations are completed we will send down warrants and money for Guns or having the Apprais^t returned.

We are your most obt^d Serv^t

19th Sept 1776;

Col. Joseph Lumm

Sirs,

13th Sept 1776,

Prince Georges County,

We are directed by the Convention to request your attendance in the Council of safety immediately; be pleased to signify when you can attend— the President is left with only three others who are members of the house, and the Convention do not incline to any new appointment until they hear from the absent members;

To Col. Benjamin Ramsey,

James Delghman Esq^r

13th Sept 1776,

Sirs, — We received your letter by the post and observe what is said about the expenditure of the three hundred pounds formerly sent the Committee of Harford— we need say nothing in answer to that at present nor to what you say about the Committee of obs^t refusing to act; with regard to arms and Blankets in Harford, we are willing that the company which is first ready in your County should have them; we expect it will be from your Battalion, but if otherwise the first ready must have them for their encouragement, we have given Mr. Steele the County money and our months pay, for a Company to be raised according to your letter of recommendation on Saturday last; we shall hereafter advance for another Company when we receive the recommendations)

We have heretofore wrote you about attending the Council of safety