

Genl. Mr John Weems hath applied to our board to be released  
 against some fines imposed on him, for not serving in the militia  
 he alleges that he is much afflicted with the Gravel and other  
 complaints and therefore not an able bodied man and in confir-  
 mation produced a cert from Dr Johnson with gravel stones  
 that has passed through him. We apprehend his application  
 to be more proper to the General Assembly and trouble you with  
 this at present to request you would take care that no violence  
 be offered to him until he has an opportunity of being heard  
 he thinks there is danger of having his house or property  
 destroyed, which we hope you will take care to prevent. We  
 are your honored obedt servts,

Committee of Absent for  
 Calvert County

per order  
 Jan 4 5<sup>th</sup> 1776

Annapolis Jan 3<sup>d</sup> 1776

Sir, Your Excellency's favour of the 22<sup>d</sup> ult. enclosing resolutions  
 of the house of Delegates of your State we have received and are  
 much obliged by the assurance you have been pleased to make  
 on state of the most cordial cooperation of Virginia in every  
 measure for our particular safety and the general interest of  
 America. Be assured Sir that the council of safety of Ma-  
 ryland will invariably persevere in the same line of conduct  
 they have hitherto observed of affording every assistance and  
 aid in their power to any part of America where their assistance  
 and aid may be thought necessary to contribute to its general  
 interest. For & on behalf &c. To P. Henry Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir we were in expectation of seeing you here on Monday  
 last indeed the pressing necessity of seeing some of the Com-  
 missioners none of whom have yet attended compels me to in-  
 treat you to come up as soon as you possibly can. Many officers are  
 applying for their commissions & some resigning. we know not how  
 to move until we see some of the Gentlemen who were at Camp  
 To Tho<sup>s</sup> Contee Esq<sup>r</sup>. we are &c.

Sir

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> 1777

We are much at loss how to proceed in the military  
 line for want of proper information from the Commissioners  
 & are sorry that you are under such circumstances that  
 it is not in your power to give us the satisfaction we require  
 Col Ramsay is engaged with the Militia under his command  
 Mr Contee we have heard is ill & Mr Hanson from the distance  
 between us we fear will not attend. These considerations  
 we doubt not will weigh with & induce you to come over to  
 give us what assistance you can, more especially when we