

by Congress.

To Col. Ramsay.

We are, Sir, with respect, your
Most obedient Servant &c.

Sir, we received your letter by Vincent Trapnell carried over to the Council of safety in consequence of your advice to him he called for a number of suits by way of mitigation or excuse for his conduct we gave him an opportunity of verifying those facts by affidavits or evidence to be produced, and appointed him to attend on yesterday the eighth of this month and also wrote Capt Bosley who came down with Trapnell has not appeared he sent some depositions and wrote the weather was not good enough for him to come down, we do not think this excuse sufficient and therefore request you would give the necessary orders to have him arrested and brought before the board as soon as possible. Should you meet with any difficulties you will call in the necessary assistance and apply to the committee of observation for their advice should you want it this man must not be suffered to behave in the manner he does, the example may be dangerous, we have a letter from Samuel Baxter the Collector of Middle river upper hundred who has likewise complained of obstructions in the execution of his duty. we have wrote to him to apply to the Committee or yourself for assistance and to proceed to lay the fines - we are with due regard

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Your most Obed Servant

Genl. Buchanan

Sir we received your letter of the 3rd instant complaining of some obstructions in the execution of your duty you have sent down no proofs or depositions to lay a proper foundation for our proceeding to call any of the persons before us. we have wrote to General Buchanan to assist you in your duty if necessary and we would have you apply to the committee for their advice. If the persons who have been fined by the committee do not pay you must put the resolve of convention in force by distraining their effects and if you are resisted let us have depositions to prove the fact and we will call the delinquent before us and take order there in

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Samuel Baxter

Genl. we have heretofore wrote you about the proceedings of the Whig Club in Baltimore the power they assumed of sending persons into Banishment without any cause assigned is expressly contrary to the twenty first section of the declaration of rights to which we beg leave to refer you. Captain Galbraith has complained to us that one of his men who is regularly