

a guard of eight men to take charge of the public Magazine in this County, and hope for your order on our paymaster to furnish him with one shilling per man for each days subsistence and with such pay as is due to the Militia, when in actual service, at the expiration of each month.

I am very respectfully Gentlemen

To the Honble

(Your Obedt & humble Servt.)

The President of the Council of Safety.

James Lloyd Chamberlaine

May it please your Honours.

Warren 4th Sept 1776.

The unhappy situation of the Maryland Troops now here, makes it absolutely necessary that you should be acquainted with it, and also you might have received information from others, yet I think it my duty also (tho low in office) to make you acquainted with it and I have not the least doubt but you will immediately apply a remedy. We have now and have had for some times a number of our men sick, a number very ill. I have had from fifteen to twenty of my men extremely ill and have not yet been able to procure them the least assistance. The Province have but two Surgeons here, one of them very ill, and none can be procured here. From the best authority I can assure you we have at this time near two hundred men unfit for duty and most of them without any assistance from the Doctor. The neglect of the Troops when sick discourages them more than any other circumstance, and I am convinced if it was generally known, would have the worst of consequences both as to recruiting for the Troops already raised or in raising new levies.

I hope the freedom I have taken will be readily excused, especially when 'tis considered, and I hope believed, that I have no other motive than the public Service - With this hope I conclude myself

To the Honorable the Convention of Maryland

Your most Obedt & humble Servt.

in their resp^t The Honble Council of Safety of Md

J. H. Thomas.

Sir.

Inclosed I send you part of an Indian Speech which respects Maryland. I have only to inform the Convention that assistance is extremely wanted at New York, and to express my hopes that the exertions of that Honorable Body will be in proportion to the exigency of our affairs.

Phil^a Sept 4th 1776.

I am with great respect. Sir.

The Honble Matthew Tilghman Esq

Your most Obedt Servt.

J Stone

President of the Convention of Maryland, Annapolis,

Hon^d Sir.

Baltimore 5th Sept 1776.

As I am just going for Philadelphia have thought proper to advise you that I have ordered my Clerk Mr Robert Porters to settle my accounts with the Province and to pay to Mr James Hopkins the balance of what money is in my hands all but twenty five pounds which I will reserve of the Province money in my hands for small contingent expenses may incur. as Mr Porters is my cash keeper and knows the amount he can with propriety from the acct since the last settlement. I am with due respect Yours

To the Honble Council of Safety

Your most Obedt & humble Servt.

of Maryland at Annapolis.

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