

Completely finished as will appear by the enclosed certificate - for nearly two months past I was compelled to take money on interest to support the factory or let the hands go idle. It is not in my power to borrow any more for that purpose here - pray not fail sending the money or I shall be compelled to sell locks to pay the money that I have taken up and let the accounts shift on themselves, which will be a great loss to the publick. I am gent.

Your ready friend & such wishes.
E. Beatty.

The Honble Council of Safety
forward for
Maryland.
Mr Brown

Wednesday morning.

Philadelphia Dec. 11th 1776.

Sir.

It has been reported that you was coming up to this City with a Body of Seamen and Marines. one of the frigates is ready for the sea. The other three may be soon ready for a short voyage, if men could be procured. You would render essential service, if you could immediately come up with a body of seamen, and an attempt might be made to bring round all the frigates here to Baltimore Town. - It cannot be doubted the Council of Safety would lend the hands belonging to the Defence in this very important service. You will send an Express to the Council of Safety, not one moment is to be lost. I write this by the order of Congress.

We were informed yesterday morning that the Enemy were at Burlington Monday evening. We have certain intelligence just now, that the Enemy were not there last night. It is reported and believed, that some of their light Horse were seven miles above that place on Monday. not one of the Enemy are on the West side of the Delaware. It is believed the main body of General Howe's army is at Maidenhead, about six miles above to the East of Trenton. General Lee with between 5 & 6000 men was at Morris Town last Sunday evening, he will join General Washington who is with his army opposite Trenton. The Congress will not quit this City but in the last extremity - to prevent false reports, publish the above.

Inform Mr Purviance, that Mrs Stauwell will set off this day.

Let it be known, that arms — — — — — furnished to our Militia, but the want of them be no excuse.

Capt. James Nicholson.

Baltimore Town
Maryland

Yours obed^t Servant.

Sam^l. Chase