

in the Jerseys, and that the Enemy are retreating. It is certain, that Gault  
Heath has retaken Hackensack and some prisoners.

Mr Sherman, delegate from Connecticut informs, that the Enemy are in  
possession of New York, Rhode Island, and that about 10,000 are collected to oppose  
them.

The enclosed petition was sent into my hands - Your Board will make proper  
enquiry and grant relief. Captain Yates delivered me the enclosed. Mr Carroll  
informs me that application was heretofore made to Congress, relative to the  
case of Meline and Jenkins and declined giving any opinion. I have given  
the State of their case to the Georgia Delegates. I will write you further on this  
subject. Gault Smallwood will communicate to you his Directions from  
Congress - I shall procure money from them as soon as it can be signed, and  
shall furnish the General with a sum to enable him to expedite the new  
Levies - I doubt not the ready concurrence and assistance of your Board. On  
the success of procuring a new army, depends our all. I wish you would give  
a line to any Officer who may apply to you for money, and signify what  
sum I shall advance. I think it would be proper for you in full Board  
to consider the propriety of convening our General Assembly. Our State is yet  
unrepresented. I am, Gentlemen, with respect and regard,

The Honorable the Council of Safety  
of Maryland }

Your most Obedt Servant  
Saml. Chase

Gentlemen -

Monroton Mills January 3<sup>d</sup> 1779.

I am appointed Collector of the fines of the iron rollers of Mid-  
dleville upper hundred by the Committee of Baltimore. I have given the Men-  
-tals notice to those that opposed Mr James Bailey from collecting in his hun-  
-dred and they are determined not to suffer their goods to be sold, as they  
gather in gangs and say that is now law for any such fines in my  
hundred there is Phil Savage and John Gorsuch Black the townsmen and  
wouland that in Canada. The rest not to pay, if these men were compelled  
to pay the rest would all pay without any trouble a number of the rest has  
told me that if it was comon to pay, they will pay. I have complain'd to Gen-  
-eral Penchamou but hee has not done any thing in it and it can't be ex-  
-pected that any wou man can manage such a set of tories. But if you will  
order a tale of men to assist me and allow me to destroy these affects, and  
move them to Baltimore town for sale. I will do it at the risk of my  
life: as they have all swore they will kill me if I persist to destroy them. I  
did not take the moment for the profit but to carry the law into execution  
If no one wou support me in it I will resign and shou'd have done it before  
but was sorry to see a set of tories triumph the good laws of the Country under  
foot and am shure there is not a man in this settlement but Mr Bourge-  
-man inniseman and my self that would do any thing to support government,  
as they all are glad to hear of how conquests and will say they know the  
English would conquer, if you are determined to have these men destroyed I  
(shall)