

Last event has taken place. but we are unable to inform the particulars

The enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Committee of Congress to Mr. Hancock. I have no leave to make it public. I send it to give you all the intelligence in my power, it may be shown but not printed. Our State is still unrepresented and every day matters of the greatest importance are debated and determined in Congress.

I am afraid our recruiting service will be greatly injured unless satisfaction be given to the officers. I believe many returns will occur to convene the General Assembly as soon as possible. Many reports from Somerset County cause uneasiness here, and if true, demand speedy and vigorous measures.

I have just heard of this emergency and drop this line from Grants Tavern.

I am, Gentlemen, with respects,

The Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland
Annapolis

Your Obedient Servant

Sam^l Chase.

Philadelphia Party 5th 1777.

10 o'clock

We have no certainty to this hour - accept the substance of current reports by various hands. Genl. Washington drew up his army and took post on the hills on this side Trenton Bridge - he caused large fires to be made and kept up. He had received certain intelligence that Genl. Howe, with a considerable reinforcement, was on his march from Prince Town to join the main body at Trenton, he decamped in the middle of that night, made a forced march, met Mr Howe about Maidenhead, or Quaker Bridge, gave him battle, put him to the rout, and took 500 to 700 prisoners, pushed forward, took possession of Prince Town at the point of Cannon, with a number of officers of the 40th regiment, and this morning we are told he was still preparing and determined to push on to Brunswick, where are all the Enemies' valuable stores &c. That part of the Enemy's army that possessed the part of Trenton on the other side of the Bridge never discovered Genl W's march until they heard the engagement. They then took possession of all the Heights, and remained under arms until about 11 o'clock, when they marched off by the ferry Town roads, in order, as is supposed to get on the other side of our army, and join there Genl Howe. Genl Putnam marched from hence yesterday with about 600 men - 500 follow today and more are coming in every hour. We hear various reports of Genl Heath being again on this side the North River, and of the New England Militia coming down ag^t Myak.

To
Mr Hancock.

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Gentlemen.

West River January the 5th 1777.

I have inclose you Levy and Bowley's letter, you will there observe the Congress has taken the cable I had maid for the Galley. at this rate it

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