

doubt Tobacco may be had for that price, and if I am to put the other
half, it would be well to advise Col. Hoos of it, that we may act in con-
-formity and be as one purchaser. Many purchasers always raise a
Commodity is well known by you all. Be pleased to forward me with a
line per Post or, if any opportunity, before. It would be well to let the
Ship take in her ballast, Lumber, Proceed V. at Baltimore, if to be
had readily there. Provision I presume may be had on Potomack
where the Ship loads and the Capt. may purchase it.

To. I am, Sir, with great esteem and respect,
The Honble Council of Safety } Your most Obedt Servt.
Annapolis } Thos. Contw.

Gentlemen.

Baltimore 21st July 1777.

Yours of the 10th Inst I received yesterday. The Ticklenburg
which you mention of Messrs Vanbibber and Crockett having, was
disposed of before I received orders to purchase it. The tents can be
immediately made, provided the linen can be got.

The Honble the Council of } I am, Sir, your most Obedt Servt.
Safety - Annapolis } Gerard Hopkins, per B. d.

Gent.

Philadelphia 21st July 1777.

Charles Balsel, captain of a company in Jas. Johnson's Bat-
-talion, being an officer in the German Battalion, commissions are
desired for John Martin Deer Capt. Adam Miller 1st Lieut, Chris-
-tian Lafere 2nd Lieut and Henry Froolite Ensign. In James
Ogle's company in the same Battalion commissions are wanted for Ig-
-nations Elder as 2nd Lieut. and Francis Elder Ensign.

I do not yet see any Officers from our State to recruit, I ob-
-tained a general order against the enlistment of our militia, notwith-
-standing which several were enlisted, some of whom I have got back
again, but I do not know how it will be when I get further. James
Johnson's Battalion, part of Col. Batts's and part of Col. Bruce's
have gone forward to Head Quarters, we are armed very slowly, it
is out of my power to keep our people together, too many of them
have seen home. The Maryland Flying Camp arms and accoutre-
-ments are delivered out to the Pennsylvania Militia and repairing
I have received none as a part of ours. We have nothing of consequence
that can be depended on. I am, Sir,

The Honble Council of Safety } Your most Obedt Servt.
of Maryland, } Thos. Johnson junr.

To the Honble the Council of Safety of the State of
Maryland, now sitting at Annapolis.

The Humble petition of Thomas Gordon and William
(Worcester)