

not Mr. Morris pay the money for our State? An opportunity of writing will present itself in a few days. Would it not be proper for our State to write a letter, disavowing the conduct of Capt. Patterson, and engaging his payment as soon as possible and mentioning the men of war in our Bay, which may delay the remittance.

Mr. Zachariah Campbell in a letter from Vienna, of 1st Inst, writes to his brother Capt Campbell that the Tories in Sussex, Somerset and Dorchester Counties, have been assembling for some days. They have 250 men collected at Parker's Mill, about nine miles from Salisbury, and 'tis reported they have three field pieces, which they received from the Roebuck, with some men, with intention to raise the Magazine and destroy the property of the Whiggs. Coll. Dashiell is now at Salisbury with what Whiggs he could collect about 130, and is to be reinforced on Monday, by eight Companies from this County.

Captain Richardson's Tender brings accounts that there are three men of war in the bay, one at the Sansiers, one at Smith's point, and one in the middle, and that it is reported some men, with two field pieces are landed from the Roebuck - Congress has ordered Col. Wm. Buchanan's Battalion, which was ordered to Camp, to march with Col. Gist - and some armed vessels to prevent any communication from the Ships, and to prevent their plundering.

I suggest my fears of a difference injurious to the Service, if Genl. Hooper should march on this Province - Col. Gist will not submit to be commanded by that Gentleman. I beg leave to remind the Board of the opinion of Genl. Gates to the necessary orders respecting the Fort here. Several recommendations have gone from Congress to our State. I hope they will be duly attended to.

If advice Boats are not sent outside of the Capes, several of our Store vessels may fall into the hands of our enemies.

The post has not come in - no news. I must again repeat the necessity of a Representation. I am, Gentlemen, with respect & regard,

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland
Your most Obedt Servant
Saml Chase.

Gentlemen - Baltimore Town February 7th 1777.

The marine Committee are very desirous, that the tender of the Defence should be well manned, and under a bold active prudent Officers, sent down with the Troops destined for Somerset and Dorchester County. - Congress will afford every assistance in their power to prevent any communication between the Insurgents, and the men of war, and any plunder of our Islands or coasts: it is earnestly wished and expected that our State will order every vessel they have and can obtain on the same duty - I shall speak to Capt. Cook about his tender.

No letters from Genl. Washington. The post is not yet arrived.

The Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland, Annapolis
With Respect your Obedt Servant
S. Chase.

Capt Cook. In Council of Safety, Feb. 8th, 1777 - You are hereby required to give every assistance Congress or the Marine Committee may desire from
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