

Congress. We appointed Gentlemen in each County of this State
to collect all the Gold and Silver they could in their
Counties, the Amount of which you shall be acquainted
as soon as we are informed of it by them. We have
received a Letter from Mess^{rs} Paca & Alexander of the
this Month, and are soon to find we are likely to
be disappointed in our Prospect of getting Cannon of
New-York or Philadelphia; as they were immediately
wanted for carrying into Execution the Resolutions
of the Convention for fortifying the City of Annapolis
and Baltimore Town, and as we are not
certain whether Mr. Hughes, tho' he has already
begun casting the Nine-Pounders with some Success
may be able to comply with his Contract for the
heavy Cannon, with the Convention in Time. The
purchased by Mr. Paca, we intended for the Ship Defense
which is getting ready with all possible Expedition. We
are obliged to you for the Attention you have given to our Request
and the Resolution of the Convention relative to the Raising
and Paper for the new Emission of Paper Currency

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