

N. 16. To Captains Kent and Henry of the Mounted
Companies in Virginia

Gent^l The Regard and Zeal, which you and the
Companies under your Command, have manifested in the Publick
Cause, in so readily complying with the Resolve of the Convention
and expeditiously marching to the Assistance of our Friends
and Neighbours of Virginia, gives us much Satisfaction and
convince us, that as the Nature of the Service requires it,
the same Spirit will induce you, and your Companies to contin-
ue in it for the Time mentioned by the Convention, altho
by the Terms of the Indistment they were obliged only to
serve till the first of March; this we assure you, we
sincerely wish, and it is likewise our Desire and Opinion,
that you continue to keep your Men in a Body, till
they return to, and reach their respective Counties, to
which Time they are to continue in Pay. As it may be
convenient, and necessary for you, after your Men have
been one Month in Service to draw for their Pay. We
now by authorize you to do it, on the Treasurers of the
Eastern Shore, to whom we shall send Directions to

(pay)