

Circumstances we cannot comply with the Request of Congress in any other Manner than we have done, and flatter ourselves they will rest satisfied and consider us excusable.

We have apprehended Mr. Ross and shall keep him in Custody, and examine him fully.

I permit us, Sir, to assure you that we are determined to maintain the Rights and Liberties of this Country at every Hazard of Life and Property; and will vigorously pursue every Measure, which the Defense of America shall require.

We have the Honour to be

18th April

Your most obed^t. serv^t John Sewall

By Order J

N: 124. To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress

Gen^l Mr. The Bearer Capt. Walter Hanson of Port E. has been recommended to us by Mr. Ross as a Genius in the Mechanical Way & as a Person, that may be of Service to this Province in gaining a proper Knowledge of erecting and working Powder Mills or some

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