

instant at Annapolis, rendering it absolutely necessary that  
we should be informed of the numbers of effective ~~arms~~ arms  
in the hands of the militia in your district, we desire  
that you will immediately order the Lieutenants of the several  
Battalions, which you command, to transmit to us without  
a moment's delay, the state and condition of the  
arms in the companies under them respectively, as it  
will be proper we should lay them before the  
Conventions early in their meeting. We are &c  
9<sup>th</sup> June 1776.

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N<sup>o</sup> 20. To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.  
Gent<sup>rs</sup> We received a letter yesterday at 10<sup>o</sup> Clock  
from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>, enclosing resolves  
of Congress relative to our militia, in consequence of  
which, as our powers are not adequate to the matters  
requested from this province, we have resolved that a  
Convention be hold at Annapolis on Thursday  
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