

cause, taking care not to waste Paper in vain.

Enclosed you have an order, which you must do every thing
in your power to enforce.

You should be particularly cautious in taking care to secure
Defectors, some of them you may depend upon it, are Spies: the
Negro's you mention that escaped from the Guard, may have been sent on
purpose to scour the Flavour in the Neighbourhood.

Be pleased to inform us, from time to time, of material occurrences
as they happen. — We have paid the Expence

25 July 1776.

And as to:

N^o. 74. To The Committee of Observation of Dorchester and Somerset
Counties.

Gentlemen,

We have ordered Captain John Gunby's Company
to March to Cambridge in your County, and to be stationed, where you
may direct — We hope that Company will be sufficient to protect you
against Tinders who may attempt to plunder.

25 July 1776.

We are &c.

N^o. 75. To The Honble Matthew Tilghman Esq^r.

Sir,

We are very apprehensive that we should incur the blame of the
Honble Continental Congress and of the Islanders who have stock, should
we make the order you request. — The Resolve of Congress is full and
explicit without any exception, should we extend our powers to answer
your request others would expect Indulgence, and we know not where the
exception would stop, our powers are extensive but not large enough to
controul the orders of Congress. — Your application may well lay over till
the meeting of the Convention, which will be in a short time — we shall