

N^o. 77. To The Committee of Observation of ^{W. Crutcher} ~~the~~ County.

Gentlemen,

We are informed that there are a Number of pieces of Cannon in your County that have lain there some years ever since the Spanish Wreck on the Seaboard side of your County. — We request you would immediately cause those Cannon to be examined and let us hear from you by Express what state and condition they are in, and how many there are, and what weight of Metal they would carry, as also who claims any property in them; and if any Body claims, under what contract or agreement they were purchased and of whom. — we expect your answer as soon as you conveniently can.

We are &c.

26 July 1776.

N^o. 78. To The Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gentlemen,

The Letters from Colonel Barnes and Jordan were not inclosed in our last from inattention, we now send them with Copies of some other Letters from below, from whence you will see how affairs are going on there...

Dunmores Fleet have separated; The Torrey and the Otter with a Number of Kessels having the Tory Families on board remain in the Mouth of Saint Marys River; the Roebuck and Six or Seven other Kessels have moved up the River Potomack, as high as Quantico in Virginia, where they stopt to take in Water. — There are some flying reports of their having Landed at Mr. William Brents and burnt his Houses, which are confirmed this Day by Charles Sandsdale — he says he feared they are landing on Colonel Smallwoods Estate — the last he heard of them was yesterday and the report was they were landing