

The Commissioners at Phil^a for the State of
Maryland, Gent^l, Your Letter to the President of Convention
with a copy of the Resolves of Congress we received.

It is our most sincere
wish that Congress had come to those Resolutions much sooner,
than it has; the Delay has hurt the Service, and as our Convention
is up, we are under Difficulties how to act. but upon mature
Reflection, we are of Opinion that you immediately proceed to
Camp, and endeavour to enlist for three years all the Maryland
Troops, as well Regulars, as those of the Flying Camp, into the
continental Service under the Congress's Bounty of seven Pounds,
ten Shillings; - such of the Battalion and Independent Compa-
nies, as are inclinable to enter into the continental Service
for three years, but be informed that at the expiration of
that Time, they will then be in the Service, and under the
Direction of the State of Maryland, and provided the war is
continued beyond that Period. - As to our State's being
obliged to give Land, as a bounty, we can by no means
accede to it, nor do we believe or conceive that Maryland
will ever contribute one Shilling towards the Purchase of
such Bounty.

We are
Yours

Novem^r: 17th 1776.