

The Commissioners at Phil<sup>a</sup> for the State of  
Maryland, Gent<sup>l</sup>, You Address 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 these 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 inform'd 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<sup>r</sup>: 17<sup>th</sup> 1776.