

has the command of the Fleet, the destination of which
is either to South Carolina, or this Bay, as they hear
from General Greene. — Would you hear of them
at the mouth of this Bay, or Delaware, be pleased to
communicate the intelligence by express.

Oct. 10th 1776

We are

Brigadier General Hooper

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Sir, We received your's of the 15th, and are truly concerned
to hear any disturbances should have happened in your County
about Salt, we have writt the Committee of Observation fully on
that head, to which we beg Leave to refer. — We send you an order
on the Treasury of the Easton, shew'g for the sum of fifty Pounds to
be expended in Provision for the guard. — but we think you keep
rather too many to guard the small magazines of Powder at
Cambridge, we would have you discharge the greatest Part of them,
as soon as you think it can be done with safety; we hope the
Fleet that sailed from the Hecks on Wednesday last will not
come either into Delaware, or Chesapeake Bays; if so, all
will be quiet, we expect this winter. — We are

Nov: 20th 1776.

John Hancock Esq.

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Sir, Your favor of the 15th by express we only received
this forenoon, and immediately sent off by fresh Express

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