

Leto John Murdock.

Sir, We received yours of the 28th of December, but know not how to give any certain answer, Congress having made no written requisition to us relative to the Militia, nor have they in any manner explained to us the destination of those Troops. The Militia are to move forward on the Requisition of the Honorable Congress, and no question if you apply to them, or to your Brigades, but they will inform you of every thing necessary, as proper to be known. — We are sorry to find the Militia so backward, perhaps the news of the victory lately obtained (a narrative of which you will find in the enclosed Hand bill) may have done as much to the common class of people, the Officers are more ready to march as you inform, than the Privates.

Jan^y 1st 1777.

We are &c

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To Genl. Chamberlain, and John Stanen Esq. (each)

Sir

Leto Lutes in passing through Annapolis left with us some Papers preparatory to us complete the same, and promised to attend the Board in a few days to explain every thing that had been done by the Commissioners. —

We are sorry now to inform you that he has not been up, and we hear both himself and his family have taken the small Pox; this obliges us to request your
(immediate)