

Gentlemen

We received a letter this morning from Virginia by express and as there is not telling the particular destination of the fleet and as your Town may possibly be an object with them we have thought it proper to enclose you a copy, that in case it should be necessary you may be prepared to receive them.

yours &c.

The Committee of Balt^o.

The Committee of Safety.

Annapolis May 31st 1776.

Sir. We are very much obliged to you for your favour of the 26th. Our boats for four days past have brought us information from Capt. Nicholson of the Defence on a cruise down the Bay that several men of war were at an anchor off Windmill Point, above the mouth of Rappahock and we are glad that you have given us certain advice what vessels they are.

If Lord Dunmore expects to meet with more favour in Maryland than he has experienced in Virginia, he will, we trust be greatly disappointed. On behalf of the Council I have the honor to be

Sir your most obedient

Thos^o Eden Puddleton Esq^r.

Presid^t of Committee of Safety Virg^o

Capt. James Nicholson

Sir. We received yr^o dated this morning off the Harbour and are pleased to hear that you was gone passed to Baltimore. We would have you make the best preparation you can to repel any attack that may be made by our enemies on either the Fortifications or Town of Baltimore. We reced this morning an express from Virginia informing us that Lord Dunmore had sailed from Norfolk up the Bay with his fleet joined by the Roebuck and we apprehend the ships you saw off the Windmill Point are part of that Fleet.

We are Sir yours &c.

Gentlemen.

We send Mr. Sheward to Philadelphia to take a view of the Gondolas built at that City, we expect to contract with him for building most of those that are ordered to be built for our Province. - the difference of tide in our Bay from that in Delaware will we apprehend necessarily occasion some alterations in the manner of building and Rigging our Gondolas from those of Pennsylvania, we wish to have your sentiments on this subject after conferring with Mr. Sheward

All is quiet at Annapolis, the Governours Boat is just returned from Virginia with Secretary Smith, and brings

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