

to do what they would not otherwise have attempted; this we say upon supposition that we must furnish them with arms^{&c.}. We shall hear more fully however hereafter. The intelligence with regard to 7,000 men rising and declaring for independence is without foundation, we take it to be news from some incendiary; - Mr^r Purveyance got off with a severe reprimand, as you will see by the proceedings of the Convention, a copy of which we shall hereafter inclose to you, when they are printed. We all joy in compliments and best wishes and are Gentlemen, y^r most obed^t. serv^t
 To Deputies in Congress. p^r order.

Gentlemen. By a resolve of the Convention the Committees of observation were directed to purchase all the sulphur they could meet with in their several Counties at a price not exceeding 8 p^r pound and to have the same lodged in the store of Mess^{rs} Lewis & Rowley in Balt^o. Town, we desire you will let us know what has been done in your County in consequence of that Resolve, as the Convention had agreed with Mr^r — to take his dues for the use of this Province, and the Congress has resolved that the Committee of observation should ascertain the price, we request you will be pleased to let us know the quantity and what it is valued at.
 To the Committee of we are y^rs &c.
 Observation of Balt^o. County } Feb^y 13th 1776.
 Gentlemen.

Having just received, by Express, resolves of Congress of a most interesting nature to America in general and this Province in particular, we have thought it our indispensable duty to lay them before you as early as possible, and for that purpose have resolved that a Convention be held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 20th Inst., and we beg you will be punctual in your attendance at that time as the business is very urgent and will not admit of a moments delay. (Circular)
 Gentlemen.

We have just received intelligence that a large ship supposed supposed to be a 29 gun man of war and two sloops are on their way up the Bay their destination is not known, but as they may intend for your Town, we send off this express that you may be on your guard and make all the preparations in your power for your defence.

To the Committee of we are y^rs
 Observation of Balt^o. Town } Tuesday 5th March 1776
 Sir. Some Resolves of Congress, which we have this moment received by express, and in consequence of, called a meeting of the Convention on Thursday the 20th Inst. at Annapolis
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