

rendering it absolutely necessary that we should be informed of the number of effective arms in the hands of the militia in your District, we desire that you will immediately order the Captains of the several Battalions, which you command to transmit to us without any moment's delay, the state and condition of the arms in the Companies under them respectively, as it will be proper we should lay them before the Convention early in their meeting.

To Brigadier General.

Gentlemen. We received a letter yesterday at 1 o'clock from the Hon^{ble} John Hancock Esq^r inclosing resolves of Congress relative to our militia, in consequence of which as our Powers are not adequate to the matters requested from this Province, we have resolved that a Convention be held at Annapolis on Thursday the 20th Inst. at which time we shall be glad to see as many of you as can be spared from Congress.

We request you will make the enquiry directed by the enclosed resolves of our late Convention and transmit us an account of the Standard proof of Cannon as early as possible our guns are 9 and 18 pounders.

To Deputies in Congress.

We are &c

In Council of Safety, Annapolis 9th June 1776.

Sir. Your favour of the 4th Inst. enclosing resolves of the Hon^{ble} Congress we received to day at one o'clock. Our authority not being competent to order the marching of our militia out of the Province, we have called a meeting of our Convention to be held at the City of Annapolis on the 20th of this month, at which time we shall lay your letter with the Resolves before them.

We are sorry for the reverse our affairs have lately met with in Canada; but trusting in the Justice of our cause and the active spirit of our countrymen, we hope matters will soon wear a different aspect in that quarter.

Be assured sir of our utmost exertions at this critical Crisis to prevent the impending calamities which threaten this Continent, and that the Province of Maryland will continue to act with fairness in the common cause until peace may be happily restored.

To the President of Congress.

We are y^r most obed^t serv^t
P^r order.

Sir.

Mr. Purviance has just now informed us of your return to Balt^o Town, after your long absence from your family and friends, which as it must afford you and them great joy and satisfaction we sincerely congratulate you thereon. We have sometimes found much difficulty in transaction of business (that