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To Mr. Archibald Buchanan }
 Baltimore Town } In Council of Safety Annapolis
 July 7th 1776.

Sir. Two Companies of Col. Hall's Battalion, will be immediately ordered to the City of Annapolis for its defence agreeable to a resolve of Convention and as it will be proper that you as Quarter Master should provide quarters and provision for them, we have thought fit to give you this early information of it that you may adjust matters accordingly the service requires expedition, and that no moment should be lost in taking the necessary measures.

Matthias Hammond, Quarter Master
 of Col. Hall's Battalion

In Council of Safety Annapolis
 July 8th 1776.

Sir.

The Council of Safety will take Mr. Spriggs vessel, if you are of opinion that she will make a fast sailer draw little water, and suit this Province as an armed vessel of which please to advise us, and request she may be got ready with the utmost despatch - we hope and expect a fortnight will complete her. - when can you set off for the Eastern Shore to examine the vessels which are offered as suitable for the purpose? we want them - you promised to be with us on Friday, but we did not understand whether you could go immediately over the Bay - this matter requires dispatch, and we beg your immediate answer; if you can go, we shall be much pleased, if you cannot go; - do you know anyone, who would be proper to send on that business?

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To Step Steward.

By order

Chas. Carroll M.P.

In Council of Safety. Annapolis July 8th 1776.

Sir. you will see by the enclosed Resolve, that the Convention have directed the place of the regulars that are to march from hence to Philadelphia should be supplied by three Companies of the neighbouring militia, till the militia for the flying Camp can be ready. The Council of Safety have thought proper to order a Company of your Battalion to march down here immediately, and we desire you will despatch them with the utmost expedition. We expect a sufficient number of the militia for the flying Camp will be raised in a very short time to supply the place of yours with the other Companies which shall be discharged as soon as possible. Col. Loews & Hammond are now with us and intend that the Companies they respectively to furnish shall be composed out of the whole Battalion - Companies if wholly ordered out may be much distressed and very indifferently armed.

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