

17<sup>th</sup> July 1776.

Sir.

At present we do not desire you to send in any more of your militia should it be necessary here after we will inform you, and from their readiness which we have hitherto experienced doubt not their being here in proper times.

To Col. Dorsey

18<sup>th</sup> July 1776.

Sir.

Your favor communicating the intelligence that the enemy's Fleet had been drawn from their station, and their forces obliged to abandon Guyana Island, came safe to hand and demands our acknowledgments, they have since arrived in Potowmack, and landed some where on St. Georges Island, at the mouth of Saint Marys River where they have thrown up intrenchments. we are making preparations to dislodge them as soon as possible. In return we congratulate you on our success in the Southern Quarter, and am.

The Honble Jas Page Esq. P. L. Virginia.

P. S. we have ordered Mr. Hughes to send immediately to Geo. Town 2-18 pounders for the use of y<sup>r</sup> Colony, to be delivered to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mason & Dalton's order.

Sir.

In Council of Safety July 19<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Doctor Looche has been with us since his journey to Baltimore, he is uncertain how far you intend to act as physician to the mattress company now at Balt Town or any of the militia of the flying camp that may be stationed there in lieu of those companies of the Battalion who are marched to New York. we should be obliged to you for a line giving us your answer to these doubts of his, that we may know how to conduct ourselves in the nomination of an assistant to act in that Department.

We are your most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

Doctor Charles Fredericks Weisenthal.

Sir.

Your Letter of yesterday I received, and laid it before our Council who have directed me to assure you that every friendly assistance in their power shall be cheerfully afforded our neighbours upon every emergency that may require it. we derive great comfort from the competence of your powers and the promise you have been pleased to make of flying to our assistance whenever it should be necessary. we can order our regular forces out of the Province; the militia we cannot, but the Col<sup>ls</sup> in each County are authorized to call out the militia to act in the Province whenever they see occasion to do it.

To John West Esq. P. of Coun. Alcom<sup>ia</sup> Virginia.

19<sup>th</sup> July 1776.

Sir.

James Gray attends you with a vessel that he is offering for sale to the Council of Safety, but as we are by no means judges of her value, or whether or not she answers our purpose we have (referred)