

referred him to you for examination and shall be very glad to hear from you upon that head.

To Stephen Steward.

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

Gentlemen.

We have sent you two hundred pounds by the Lanedale which we request the favor of you to apply to the account of Substitutes of that part of Captain Bealls Company stationed at Port Tobacco.

To Committee of Govt.

Gentlemen. We are exceedingly anxious on account of our Treasury as it grows very low, and the demands as you must be sensible continue still great; you will therefore excuse our mentioning to you so often our apprehension that unless the plates and paper are furnished in a very short time the Treasury will be exhausted & the credit of the Province must fail. Our Worcester Companies have wrote us for copies of the Continental regulations, and pay to their troops and as we are not provided with them we request you will send them to us, or if a favorable opportunity should offer transmit them to Accomack immediately, as we are sometimes at a loss for conveyance from hence. Pray send us an account of the Continental pay of the officers and men in the Navy, we are informed there have been some alterations lately made in them by Congress and shall be glad to see them, they will be useful to us in settling the wages for the Defence, the enclosed is a copy of a letter we have rec<sup>d</sup> from Mr. Harrison our ag<sup>t</sup> in the Foreign West Ind<sup>s</sup>.

To Deputies in Congress.

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

Gentlemen.

Inclosed we send you copies of some letters we have received from Col. Barnes & Col. Jordan, giving us an account of Lord Dunmore's Squadron having appeared near the mouth of St. Marys River in a hostile manner and that some of them had landed on St. Georges Island - in consequence of these advices we have countermanded the orders to Capt. Thomas & Capt. Hindman, whom we wish to keep in the Province to assist in repelling the invasion. We do not expect Dunmore will stay long at St. Georges Island, we expect he will move up Potomack or to the Eastern Shore - perhaps up the Bay to Annapolis, or Baltimore Town. We shall send you further intelligence as soon as we receive it; our flying Camp are coming in almost every day but many of them without arms, blankets, or any other necessaries - a question has arisen as to their subsistence, neither Congress nor Convention have made any provision for rations during the time the men are drawing together nor whilst they remain unarmed, and unprovided with necessaries which will amount to something considerable. We intend finding

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