

another express to inform us that Lord Dunmore has the Command of the fleet the destination of which is to sail to South Carolina or this Bay as they hear from General Green. Should you hear of them at the mouth of this Bay or Delaware be pleased to communicate the Intelligence by express. We are &c.

To Commissioners for Dorchester County.

20 November 1776

Sir, We received yours of 10th and are truly sorrow to hear any disturbance should have happened in your country about salt, but we have wrote the Committee of Observation fully on that head to which we beg leave to refer. We send you an order on the treasury of the Es. Shore the sum of 50 £. to be expended in provisions for the guard. But we think you keep too many to guard the small magazine of Powder at Cambridge. We would have you discharge the greatest part of them as soon as you think it can be done with safety; we hope the fleet that sailed from the Hook on Wednesday last will not come into either the Chesapeake or Delaware Bay. if so all will be quiet as we expect this winter. We are &c.

To Brigadier General Hooper

21st Nov^r: 1776

Sir

Your favour of the 15th by express we only received this forenoon and immediately sent off a fresh express to Virg^a. Dispatches have been sent to the Militia Officers throughout this State to hold their different corps in readiness to march upon the shortest notice. It gives us concern to find from information just now received from Somerset and Caroline Counties on the E. Shore that there are likely to be disturbances in those Counties for want of salt it is said of a serious nature the progress the disaffected have made we have not time to transmit by this opportunity without detaining your messenger but we shall send dispatches of the information we received to our delegates by to morrow's Post who probably will arrive in Philadelphia almost as soon as this bearer.

(For & on behalf of the council)

Hon^{ble} John Hancock Esq^r. I have the honor to be Sir, 21st Nov^r: 1776

Sir In answer to yours of the 17th we must observe that if Capt. Stone should be so obstinate as to replevy the Brig after he has petitioned the convention and desired the same to be postponed to next session we shall take care to give security to answer all damages on behalf of the State and send her away so that you need not regard what is said about a writ of replevin.

An anchor and cable you may have if to be got the 4th 8th and several balls be pleased to order at Capt. Reddy's gunner if