

we therefore request you to send whatever public arms may be in your custody or power to us in Annapolis by Captain Stuck's Company under a guard and whatever expenses may be incurred shall be fully reimbursed we are Y^r most obed^t Serv^t

Gentlemen. Inclosed you have copy of a letter received from the board of war and we beg that you will so soon as soon as possible comply with their requisitions and send the prisoners under a proper guard to New Brunswick where we are informed Genl Washington now is the place pointed out by the board of war we doubt is in possession of the enemy be pleased to transmit us the names of the prisoners you send distinguishing officers from privates and furnish us with an account of all expenses incurred whilst at Frederick Town.

28 Nov 1776

we are

Comm^r of Lib^s for
Frederick County

Y^r most obed^t Serv^t &c

Gentlemen, We have several letters from Mr. Chase of the 21st 22nd & 23rd inst. now before us and are obliged to him for the intelligence there in communicated. The news is very bad but our hearing it may be of service we trust to providence. What he says about the commissioners we have adverted to and are much concerned it is not in our power to extricate them out of all difficulties. We are of opinion and so we told them in our letter that they may succeed to make the enlistment for three years on the bounty of twenty dollars agreeable to a resolve of Congress, but not to engage our state to pay any part of the bounty in Land. They are still under difficulties about the double enlistment or in other words in giving the estimation to each soldier whether he will enlist for three years or during the war, we can say nothing on this head but must refer the gentlemen to the Resolutions of Convention and Congress. It gives us pleasure by the last letter from Mr. Chase that the points in controversy are in a way about to be adjusted and that the Com^{rs} are likely to proceed on their journey to Camp. Should the Congress still persevere in their plan, we have no persons to make any concession in direct opposition to the Resolves of our Convention. We take the enlistment for three years to stand consistent with the general tenor of those Resolves differing only in the circumstances of time which we apprehend this board have sufficient power to give a stop to it. The printing of the votes and proceedings of last convention goes on slowly and we have time to give orders about the last settlement to our delegates in Congress, they came in towards the later end of the proceedings, our board are not determined what to do, they rather incline at present not to interfere although they are very