

very near occasioned loss. She was becalmed and obliged to come to an anchor the tide against her. The English Fleet had a wind which brought them down Patuxmack within three miles of her where she has been becalmed when fortunately a Breeze sprang up which enabled her to escape they heard the firing at your camp. We are glad to hear the Cannon proves good as it will be advantageous to the Province and greater encouragement to those who use them in time of engagement as they will put the more confidence in the rest we are also well pleased on the account of Mr. Hughes succeeding in that way to satisfaction. We received copies of Mr Eden Mr Wolstenholmes and Mr Frost letters and still retain the opinion communicated to you in our last and of which we informed Col Barnes in answer to his Packett that it is unsafe at this period of time to permit Mr Wolstenholme to depart this Province and the more especially as he would not engage secrecy with respect to our movements & present situation and his letter to Mr Eden of the 20th of July so far from removing has impressed it more forcibly on our minds. We are sorry for the fatigue and hard fare you have met with and would alleviate it as much as lies in our power. It is only the Fortuna de la Guerra. Another time we hope you will have quarters more agreeable. We doubt not your humanity will interest you so far in favour of the sick as to have all the care taken of them you can. We have heretofore wrote you about the cannon coming up by water after the departure of the Enemy

we are sir &c,

Enclosed you have a Northern paper

31st July 1776

Major Price. P. S. we have some powder and small arms arrived at my comings on King^d as you will see by the enclosed receipt and should be glad of your opinion how we could continue it across in the safest manner to the Maryland side of Potomack.

To Major Price

Sir, We are much obliged to you for the intelligence you have communicated, and most cordially congratulate with you our promising appearances our affairs have at present in the Jerseys, we hope the enemy will soon be driven entirely out of that State.

A second lieutenant of Col. Tall's Battalion has applied to us for an order on the Treasury for money: we think some of the field officers the most proper persons to give out money to, and our request is that a sufficient money for recruiting each