

his old comm^d a diut under the new seal.
Col James Wells

Jan^y 18th 1777

Sir. We are informed by Melchior Keener that three of your soldiers with their muskets and Bayonets just came lately to search his house in a Riotous manner and were guilty of diverse irregularities David Welsh and Gary the Drummer were two of the offenders. we request you would inquire into the affair and take care on all occasions that the peace of the State be preserved. We have wrote also to the committee of Balt^e Town and are
Y^r most &c.

Capt. Nath Smith

Jan^y 18th 1777

Sirs. We received yours of this days date we have heretofore fixed the price of provisions. Pork not to exceed fifty shillings in consequence of an order from the Honble Congress. If the Bermudian goes on in the manner you say he will keep you from fixing the market price that he will peaceably get no clearance. We have published an order ag^t for settling and Engrossen which you may see in the last paper to which we refer you. We request you send the Gallery and all her hands under Capt. James care as soon as possible up to Annapolis whom we will endeavour to have them supplied with what they want. we are desirous of doing what lies in our power to forward the public service and hope you will dispatch the Gallery and her hands up to us and for that purpose give the necessary orders to Capt. Dury

P.S. Seal the inclosed letter We are &c

and send it forward by express

M^r Stephen Howard

West River

Gent. Inclosed we send you Copy of Resolue of Congress against exporting particular species of provisions. we hear there is a Bermudian with you buying up pork at an extravagant price for exportation. she ought not to be cleared out - take care to obey the resolves of Congress

Jan^y 18th

Y^r most obed Serv^t

Committee of Absen^t for
Calvert County

Jan^y 18th 1777

Gent. We received your favour of the 13th before it came to hand we had taken the step you recommended concerning the General Assembly to meet at Annapolis on Wednesday the 29th instant