interested in the safety of Potomac river we could not doubt but it would be the wish of your body to participate in its protection. Our determination on this head is yet subject to alteration and we shall chearfully consult & advise with you on this or any other subject conducive to the Interest of both & to our mutual defence.

We are with great respect.

Yr. mo. H. Sts. John Page V. P.
John Tabb. Dudley Digges.
Thos. Walker. P. Carrington. J. Mercer.

To the Honble Committee of Safety.

Annapolis 27 January 1776.

Gentlemen.

I observe the Gentlemen of the convention have allowed the soldiers as a uniform hunting shirts, but no spatterdashes, which renders the regimentals incompleat, this they certainly have not adverted to, otherways am perswaded they must have seen the impropriety of allowing one & not the other, for you must be sensible that clean spatterdashes as well as hunting shirts must cover a multitude of blemishes in the dress & appearance of the regiment, which I would most earnestly wish to appear as respectable, & to become as formidable as might be, under our present disadvantageous situation respecting military matters; this therefore I hope you'll take under consideration, flatter myself as the expence will be trifling, you will be induced to purchase as much osnabg, or what's much better (if to be had) Russia sheeting as will answer this purpose. I know the Public business is very pressing & that you will be much engaged, yet I must entreat you to purchase what cloths are to be had in Baltimore suitable for soldiers cloathing (also sail duck for Tents) the men inlisted must be very bare, as the Capt. are continually pressing me to know how they are to be furnished with cloaths, urging that they cannot march them to their station tilled. Intrenching tools &c indeed may be made here at any time, I think you must judge it essentially necessary to request Mr. Johnson or some other of our Congress members, to write Genl. Washington to send us a good adjutant or two, for the use of the Province in general, who as an incouragement might be allowed more than the common wages, I am with much difference Gentn. Yr. very obed. Hble Ser.

W. Smallwood.

To the Honble The Comme of Safety.

Woodyard 30th. January 1776.

Honourable Gentlemen.

I think it my duty to acquaint you that I have received a letter from Capt. Isaiah Robinson Lt. of the Hornet Capt. Stone dated off Annapolis desiring me to recommend him to your favour. I know him to be a very honest sensible faithful man, it will be seen how he behaves in his present station. He writes to me on another subject. I shall give you his words. "I have another request to make you about a matter that I am very