taken by Col.o Chalmond & Capt.n Thomas for the Annapolis Artillery Company I thought it would be necessary they should have some officer of that Company to overlook them, & spoke to Capt.n Fullford to go to annapolis as soon as he Possi-=bly could or to send his second Lieutenant Mr. Masenbaugh as it was not con-=venient to Capt.n Fullford to go immediately - he told me he would send that gen-=tleman, Mr. Harrison has since been with me & from him I understand that the gentlemen of the Committee of Balt.o Town find that gentlemen very necessary to them in erecting their fortification, & would be extremely glad - His attendance at annapolis could be for some time dispensed with - I know of no expedient we can fall upon to spare him, to them for any time, but by directly appointing the third Lieutenant for the annapolis Company, as some officer will certain-=ly be wanting to take care of the men now in the City; Pray let me know your determination on this head, and I will immediately acquaint the gentlemen with it - I have consented that Mr. Masenbaugh should stay at Balt Town till I hear from you. I am Respectfully Gent.n Yr. most Obed.t Hble Servt.

Chas. Carroll.

The Honble Council of Safety.

Gentlemen. I now send you inclosed an enrollment, of my Company, with a copy, which hope will be satisfactory to you. I have got one carriage complea-=ted & expect there will be four more this week - I am now obliged to draw on you in favour of Mr. William Woolsey for £172. 10. 0 which make no doubt will be duly honord. I shall be obliged to draw on you again this week or go to annapolis myself as the most of my men will want their pay in a few days. I am gentlemen your mo. Hble Servt.

19th. Febry 1776. Natht. Smith.

To the Honble The Council of Safety of Maryland.

In Committee of Correspondence. Queen Anns County 19th. Feby 1776.

May it please your Honors. The minute Company of this County consisting of eighty men, marched the third instant, and by letters from Captain Kent the Commander, dated Snow Hill 9th. Feby 1776 is the following, I was always flattered that our orders and ammunition were lodged here but find there is neither. The Com.n have so managed matters as to distress me exceedingly. We find there is no provision made for Camp Equipage such as cooking utensils &c. That no person is authorized to pay the men their wages, nor any provision made for getting back when relieved which the convention recommend to be at the end of eight weeks after our encampment, not considering that these men enrolled only till the first day of march. I believe a request or recommendation from the Convention to stay eight weeks would be agree-=able provided proper accommodations were procured, but when ordered to stay six weeks longer than they enrolled for is looked upon as a stretch of Power, and taking from us what we are contending for, liberty. It is reckoned to be from 100 to 110 miles from Hansons to this place and we are told it is about 80 miles further to northampton Court House, near which it is imagined we shall

(encamp.)