but have not any answer, all the my private business requires my presance in Maryland, I shall not leave this City until a suffic.t number of my Brethren arrives. I am with respect Gent.n your very Hble Servt.

R. Alexander.

To the Council of Safety of Maryland.

Frederick Town 27th Feby 1776.

Gentlemen. A Gentleman in this Town having lately purchased an assort=ment of goods amongst which (besides a sufficient quantity of deep blue B.d Cloth from 15/ to 16/6 pr yd to cloth about two hundred men, and sip thousand good oiled gun Flints) he has about two hund.d of the best kind of French Match Coat Blankets which he will spare for the Countrymen at £1.3/ p.r that being (he says) the price the province of Pennsylvania allows him for them, I should be glad to know whether or not I may be per=mitted to purchase a sufficient quantity of the Blankets for the use of my Company at that price as I know of none else here to be had, and the Com=pany cannot do without. I have purchased Cloth for the use of my Com=pany tho at a higher price than limited, but as the men are very agreable the overplus should be deducted out of their wages, I hope you will be kind enough to be answerable for the full amount. I have likewise agreed for their breeches and they are all well armed, and as their clothes will be finish=ed in about a week, nothing will retard our march after the expiration of that time but the want of Blankets. I am honorable Gentlemen

with due respect your obliged humb.l Servt.

George Stricker.

To the Council of Safety of Maryland.

Head Quarters Northampton Court house Virginia Feby 28th 1776.

Honble Gentn Your much esteemed favour of the 14th Inst. is now before us, the contents of which has given much satisfaction to us and our Companies in general, the Comp.y from Kent County arived here the 12th and the Comp.y from Queen Anns on the 14 Inst. in good health and spirits. Sunday night last a schooner that lay in Hungers Creek Loaded with provision was taken possession of by 13 negroes, who attempted to make their escape to Lord Dunmore, but the next morning she was pursued by a whale boat which over hall.d her upon York Spit, and returned with her monday night, the negroes are now under Guards, this is the only remarkable event has happened since our arrival here, we have not heard what officer is to take the Command over us, the Field offi=cers of the regulars raised in Accomack and this County are on the Western shore but expected over every day. The militia and regulars here are in a very defence=less state and see no anxiety amongst them to get either Discipline or accoutred. The resolve under which we march.d mentioned our coming to the assistance of the inhabitants of Accomack and Northampton Counties. But we are perswaded should we have an engagement at this time we should have but little assistance from them, but hope in a few days some companies will arrive from the upper shore

(General)