

Philadelphia Nov. 23^d 1776.
Saturday.

Gentlemen,

Since I wrote you on yesterday I recd a letter from General Mifflin from Elizabeth Town dated the 21st Inst. in which he writes, that the Enemy crosses the North River below Dobbs Ferry in 400 Boats, and stole a march to Fort Lee. which the Garrison evacuated leaving all their artillery, Cannon, Stores, provisions and their Baggage. We have not heard from the Army since the general Letter of the 19th. The alarm of a Fleet sailing from New York, with Troops is without any foundation. about 150 Transports and Store ships sail under convoy of Commodore Sheerham in the Bristol, and two frigates, and are supposed to be bound to Ireland for provisions - This information comes from General Howe.

On yesterday I procured a State^t of our Treasury. as a few days ago.

Emitted	_____	\$20.000.000.
Expended	_____	16.817.737
In Treasury	---	3.182.263.

This is for your private information, and not to be made public.

The Congress have resolved to increase their navy - two frigates of 36 Guns are to be built in our State -

Many of the Congress, some true friends, are uneasy at the Powers to the Delegates of Maryland. they are apprehensive, if made known, they will reach Lord Howe, and encourage him, and if the Courts of Europe should see them, it would prevent a foreign alliance. Some Reasons are given to countenance this opinion. I do not see why they should not be published in the Journall, the Powers relate to Peace and war - and can be of no service to the public - I wish you would consider this subject.

In eight days the enlistment of the for greater part of our army expires, I greatly doubt if we shall be able to prevail upon the Troops to enter into the service. I have some hopes of obtaining our wish from Congress. Our commi^s - ^sioners will proceed on tomorrow I believe. however whether they do or not is a secret.

The Honble^l { Free
The Council of Safety {
of Maryland. {
I have { Annapolis }

I am, Gent.

With respect & regards

Your Obedt Servt -
Saml Chase -