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Philadelphia Dec. 3^d 1776.

Mr. Hanson and Mr. Chamberlaine arrived here last night after I believe a very fruitless journey to the Camp, which they found in the retreat and is now no doubt at Trenton. being left by our Genl^l on the road thither on Sunday night -

By the best information our General could get. the enemy are between 6 and 7 thousand, his army now not more than 3 thousand. If any considerable reinforcement can be sent from hence. He intends to make a stand at Trenton in case the Enemy come forward which it is generally thought they will. Tho' Genl^l Chamberlaine thinks they will not.

The German Battalion are nearly ready to march from hence. and every measure is taking to spirit up the Mil^l to move. Should the Enemy move forward with any degree of speed I greatly fear our reinforcements will not be in time. - a little time will open their designs. If we wait here to day of their coming forward from Brunswick. of which the must have professed themselves on Sunday Evening after the Retreat of our army, I shall be inclined to think their aim is not at this place - Where Genl^l Lee is seems not to be known - 'tis said Genl^l Sinclair is on his march with about 1500 men. We had a report indeed yesterday, which for a time gained credit that Lee and Sinclair were joined with an army of 10 or 1500 men, but it dwindled before night into almost nothing. Such is the present situation of our affairs it is bad eno' but may be worse. a few days will determine and afford us either a small respite or greatly add to the distress and confusion of this place.

I can't see how the Council or the delegates to Congress can suppress any part of the proceedings of Convention.

With great Respect. I am,

The Council of Safety
of Maryland.

Genl. Your most Obed^t Servant.
Mat. Titchman.

December 4th 1776.

Gentlemen.

Inclosed you have the Determination of the Court Martial on the Trial of Cap^l John Hamtleroy.

And I think it my duty to inform you that after the Court came to the inclosed determination, Cap^l Hamtleroy behaved in a very rude and insolent manner to the said Court. Declaring that he did not think himself bound even to attend the said Court nor to return to his former duty in Battalion. while even his Commanding Officer who complained against him was continued over him, and offered in the Presence of the Court.