

Militia. The Powder and arms were sent some days ago to Annapolis which we hope will be attended with no Inconvenience. We have not the least Doubt but every thing in your Power will be done in the best manner for the publick Service and the preservation of every part of the united States. Maryland to be sure must be a principal object of your attention and we hope considering the Spirit and Alacrity which all ranks of men have shewn, whenever Occasion required their service, that our Coast will be secure against the Ravages of Dunmore and his rascally Gang of Pirates. We have nothing lately from Ticonderoga. The enemy do not stir from Staten Island 8 ships arrived there a few days ago but whether they brought soldiers or not we have not heard. Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington has now a considerable strength at N. York, but there are only 3,000 men in Jersey, where there ought to be at least 10,000. Col. Smallwood is at New York. We have no doubt but the subsistence money will be readily paid, and we wish every necessary which can be had may be furnished the militia before they march. Money will be advanced to them now if they need it. Hunting Shirts will be a convenient & good uniform if they can be had. We shall at all Times give you the earliest Information of all important Occurrences, and shall with pleasure execute your commands.

And have the honor to be  
Your mo. obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
T. Stone.

P. S. My brothers are engaged in other business and the Post is going, so that their signatures must be dispensed with.

T. S.

Phil<sup>a</sup> July 30. 1776.

The Honble. Council of Safety  
of Maryland.

[Chase to Council.]

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Gentlemen. I this Moment received the enclosed Letter from Colonel Stricker, and send it to you for your orders to him.

If you think proper to grant him the Liberty of enlisting into the German Battalion from the Companies raised for the flying Camp, it might promote the service, as the former are enlisted for three years & the latter only till December, I am sensible Difficulties will occur.

Arms and blankets are as necessary as Men, but an account should be transmitted to your Board.

Unless you give orders as to the Quantity and Mode of subsistence, I am afraid great extravagance will happen.