

We have no Intelligence of Howe's Fleet: The Army we c. c. know for a Certainty is embarked. We begin to be apprehensive they have gone to South Carolina.

The Militia of Tryon County have had a very smart Engagement with Johnson & his Indians & a Body of British Troops it is said the Militia consisted of 700 We lost about 100 men some of which are the most active leading Whigs in that County The Enemy were defeated & lost fifty or sixty Indians and some of their best Officers There was another Brush by a Party under Cap<sup>t</sup> Willet who drove another Party of the Enemy and took a considerable Booty. Gen<sup>l</sup> Schuyler writes that the Van of Burgoyne's Army he is informed has moved forward to Saratoga: I wish our Affairs in that Quarter bore a more pleasing Aspect: The New England States disgusted with Schuyler & his officers have been very slow in giving him Assistance Gates perhaps will please them & get them to exert themselves.

S. C. says he has wrote you fully and therefore I only need not be more particular in my Intelligence. Pray what success have we with our Salt Works?

Wishing you every success and Happiness

I am dear Sir

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Phila: 19. Aug. 1777

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1777.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Armourer furnish the Officers of the two Companies of Militia in Annapolis with a sufficient number of Arm's for their Companies taking their Receipts.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the western shore pay to Henry Luke five pounds eighteen shillings and four pence on Account of a Guard under his Command stationed at Hoopers Streights Am<sup>t</sup> of Acc<sup>t</sup> pass<sup>d</sup>

Repeated Accounts of the Enemies Approach induces the Governor and Council to order that the Women Children Servants and Slaves leave the Town immediately. That such persons who have not signed the Association nor enrolled and do not instantly take up Arms depart the Town and be not seen within Ten Miles thereof after the end of five Hours. And those who have associated and are within the Ages of Persons compellable to bear Arms immediately take Arms & if they have not of their own those of the public shall be delivered to them.

That County Lieutenant Brice appoint a Guard to take into Custody the Prisoners who have been in the Keeping of the