

disaffected in Queen Anns County have rose, & Congress were yesterday acquainted with an Insurrection in Sussex County. the Malignants are assembling in Arms at Jordans Island. You will be applied to by Congress to order 300 of your Militia, with two field Pieces, & 28 Artillerists, to march there. Original

The Randolph Frigate is said to be lost. She engaged a 50 Gun ship for an Hour, and both sides drawing off to repair their Damage, she by accident blew up, and every soul on board perished. The proposed Cartel is broke off, our Commrs had full Powers, & their Act would have bound the public faith, Howes Commrs had not full Powers, & could only engage his private Faith, and that too only during his Command. The Exchange on Parole will continue.

No other Part of my last was to have been private, but Gov Lee's name. I am inclined to think Baltimore fort remains in the same defenceless State as I mentioned to the Assembly a year ago—there is a great Mistake in my Letter about the Quantity of Continental Arms. I meant to say Congress had fifteen thousand Arms, & above two hundred field pieces. I suppose I folded the Letter before it was dry, & that Circumstance added to the naughts I will seize the first favorable Opportunity to apply to Congress for some Mony, but our Demands to pay & buy provisions are very pressing.

My Compliments to the Council  
Your Affectionate and  
Obedient Servant  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Chase

[Gov. Henry to Gov. Johnson.]

Original

York Town Ap<sup>l</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Dear Sir.

I have procured the inclosed paper with some difficulty. When you have read it, if the Assembly should be sitting, I wish you would send it to the Speaker. Different opinions prevail here with regard to the Authenticity of it. For my own part I have no doubt, from what I have lately seen in the English papers, but these two Bills before this time, are enacted into Laws. I dread the impressions it will make upon the minds of many of our people. If it should, and I have no doubt of it, make its appearance in the form of a Law, it will prove more dangerous to our cause than ten thousand of their best Troops. It will in a Day or two be under the consideration of Congress.

The Cartel for the General Exchange of prisoners is at an