

April 7 who have enrolled in other Parts of the County will nearly if not altogether, make up a full Company.

I know M^r Nicholls to be an active, spirited young Man, therefore I could wish that he might obtain a Commission and the whole be put under his Command, if it can with Propriety be done—

If it be possible to furnish us with any Arms and Accoutrements, I request you to forward a number of them to George Town, as soon as convenient: and the sooner the better.

We are likewise in Want of Gunpowder, even for the Militia; but should the Enemy reach Alexandria, and the armed Vessels there be sent up to George Town, (which I hear is intended) we should not doubt of their paying us a Visit. Many situations near that Place (Geo. Town) command the Harbour in such a Manner, that by forming a Battery or two with the Guns from those Vessels, (for there is not a single Cannon at George Town) we might probably make a tolerable Defence—which shews the necessity of being provided with Ammunition.

April 6 [Pet. Wagener Alexandria to Col^o William Deakins, George Town]
Fryday

We have information here, that the Enemies vessels are proceeding up the river, that they have got as high up as Port tobacco plundered and burnt Priest Hunter's House—Wat Hanson's & Pyes—It is generally believed they intend up to this place and that General Washington's Houses—Belvoir & Col^o Masons will be destroyed, we are putting ourselves here in the best posture of defence, that the nature of our situation will admit and my Dear Col^o I hope that in case of an Attack upon this Town that you will give us your assistance from George Town our signal here (if the Enemy shou'd approach) will be the firing of three distinct Cannon—we are badly armed, but the Inhabitant of this Town and the Vessenage are determined not to give up the Town, without such a force comes up, that we cannot oppose, I make no doubt if Col^o Murdock has notice of this that he will order his Militia to hold themselves in readiness, and give us his Assistance.

April 7 [Ann Tilley, Annapolis, To His Excellency the Governor & to all the Worthy and well disposed Inhabitants of this City.]

This Petition and Address of Ann Tilley relict of Cap^t Tilley, with due Submission Humbly sheweth—that Whereas the said Ann Tilley whilst she was dedicating her time, Money, and Attention for the recovery of her Negroes—(w^h had eloped to the British Ships) had the great and Additional Mortification to find on her return to her dwelling, her House Plunder'd by a Party of Continental Soldiers, and reduced by this unhappy event to a Wretched and dependant state.