be shut on his word. I believe Mr Beatty has much reason to complain. I have heard, that Capt. Spence has received orders to transfer some men to the flotilla (say 18) but I have not seen him — I have just heard from Mr. Frazier, the complaint that men cannot be procured on the Eastern shore for that both parties discourage enlistments, each wishing to keep the men, for the next Elections, as they are so equally divided, that the loss of a few Votes would throw the ballance into the hands of the other party, I have given assurances that all the Dems shall be there on the 1st of Oct. next to Vote which I think will have some effect, It would appear we have about 30 men to come over which I shall order here next week; We were doing very well in procuring men, until