

No. 20

To the Honorable Congress

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In Council of Safety. Annapolis 9<sup>th</sup> June 1776. <sup>1776</sup>

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 We have received the copy of your address by express your favor  
 of your favour of the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. In the enclosure enclosed of the Honorable  
 Congress we received thereby advised that  
 our Authority not being competent to order the marching of  
 our militia out of the province, we have called a meeting of our  
 Convention to be held at the City of Annapolis on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this  
 month, at which time we shall you better with the Address  
 Copied them. —

We are sorry for the Reverse our affairs late lately  
 met with in Canada; but trusting in the Justice of our Cause and  
 the active spirit of our Countrymen, we hope matters will soon  
 appear a different aspect in that quarter. —

Be assured Sir of our utmost exertions at this  
 critical Crisis to prevent the impending Calamities which  
 threaten the Continent, and that the province of Maryland  
 will continue to adhere firmly in the common Cause  
 until peace may be happily restored. —

We are your most obed<sup>t</sup>. Serv<sup>t</sup>

John D. —