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I wrote you from Christiana Bridge on the 19 Inst. and on the 21st arrive at this Place, where I waited on General Putnam for orders he directed me to the Marine Board: on waiting on them my People were desired to Assist in fitting out the Delaware — There is nothing at this time appears alarming the Enemey are retreating its Supposed to Winters Quarters I am Extremeley willing to do every thing in my Power to Serve our Country but it appears to me from what Intelligence we have, that we shall not be wanting, in that Case it will be better to be fitting out the Defence, I have inclosed you a List of the Officers and men now with me they are in high Spirits and are very desirous of Engageing the Emmeney, and I am satisfyd would have Endeavoured to Excell each other in being of most Service to their Country, I had not time before I set of to make mention of those Gentlemen who are worthey of Preferment. I now will use the freedom of mentioning My first Lieut. Mr Auchenlick Likewise my Second Mr Burnett both those Gentlemen are very deserving, and none more worthey within the Circle of my Acquaintance in the State of Maryland,

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

I am

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Yours most Obd Hble Servt

G. J. Cook

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