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Head quarters Morris Town. 11th April 1777.

Sir,

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OF THE STATE OF
MARYLAND.

The latest Accounts received respecting the Enemy, (considered probable by a Variety of Circumstances) inform us, that they are very busily engaged in fitting up their Transports at Amboy for the Accomodation of Troops, that they have completed their Bridge and are determined to make their first push at Philadelphia.

The Campaign is therefore opening, and our present situation, weaker than when you left us, forces me to entreat your utmost attention to the raising & equipping the Continental Troops allotted to be raised in your State. I have waited in painful Expectation of a Reinforcement, such an one as would probably have ensured an happy Issue to any Attack I might have determined upon, and such as I had a right to expect, had the Officers faithfully discharged their duty. But that time is past, and I must content myself with improving on the future Chances offer. Even this can not be done, unless the Officers can be persuaded to abandon their comfortable Quarters, and take the Field. Let me therefore, in the most earnest terms, beg that they may be forwarded to the Army without loss of Time.