

**Charles County, Maryland, Correspondence Committee to Fairfax County, Virginia, Correspondence Committee, August 9, 1774, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM THE COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE OF CHARLES COUNTY, MD.**

*(To The Committee of Correspondence of Fairfax County, Virginia.)*

PORTBO. Augst. 9th. 1774 —

GENT.

We are just informed of the Arrival of the Brige Mary & Jane Capt. Chapman from London with a large Quantity of Tea destined for Norfolk and Consigned to Neil Jamisson & Co. Geo & Jno. Bowness & Jno Laurence & Co.—The Brige. now lyes in Wecomicoe River in Maryland and we are informed will either sail to Norfolk & deliver the Tea or it will be sent in small Craft from where the Vessell now lyes. There is also a Quantity of Tea on board the above Vessell for several Gent on Potomack River, particularly Geo Town Bladensburgh, Chapticoe & Leonard Town and this place. We think it our duty to prevent any of it being Landed here & for that end have this day called a meeting; We think it not only our duty to obstruct its being Landed here, but also to Afford our Friends an opportunity of doing the same if they chuse to join in frustrating the destructive plan which seems to have been laid by the Consigners of that detestable Article, And for that purpose we have given information to George Town, Bladensburgh & Piscattaway &

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forwarded dispatches to Norfolk—And that you may be guarded be pleased to receive this intelligence from Gent Yr most Ob Servts. THE COMMITTEE OF CHARLES COUNTY it is imagined there will be an Attempt to Land it at Dumfries or Alexa. privately if they find they cannot do it in Maryland.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The following is written upon the back of this letter: “Mr Clifford Be pleased to send your Boat over to Alexandria with this Letter, immediately on receipt of it, with instructions to your people to deliver it into the hands of Mr Ro. Harrison, & you will very much Oblige Yr most Obt Servt. R Hooe