

N<sup>o</sup>. 92. By you towards fulfilling Capt. Foreman's Request, we have received your stay, but Capt. Foreman has better look out for fine or bad weather at that Time, for we shall not choose to part from the rest of our Provisions, or be connected in any Manner with his Reefs. We are &c.  
Col: Wm Rich: D:son.

In Council Annapolis 5<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

Sir. We are desirous of knowing whether you have the Cards ready, for which you contracted with the <sup>Capt:</sup> Council of Safety. The Time has expired in April and we have not heard from you, we expect a Settlement of this Matter very soon. — We are &c.  
John H<sup>r</sup> B<sup>r</sup>altimore.

In Council Annapolis 5<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

Sir. We are very desirous of getting the Chester galley fitted and much obliged to you for the Trouble you have taken to forward it. Mr. and Bowley wrote us some Time since that they would give us the Preference of their Cargoe at £1400m. We accepted, but indeed, as yet, have got little or nothing of it. Mr. Downes is now at work, we believe, solely for us and at about that Price, but he will not be able to furnish us so far as wanted; yet if we give £11. for any, we suppose we must for all, for this Reason: and as Blysons Quantity woud go but a very little Way, we choose not to take it, at this Price. If Mr. and Bowley do not go to Work for us soon, the Frigate now being gone, we intend, rather than be at the present Dado, to set up a Dope Walk for the Public and are satisfied we should, even in different Management, save a good Deal of Money. — We are &c.  
Thomas Smyth Esq:.

In Council Annapolis 5<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

Sir. One Nathaniel Cooper has complained, by Petition, that he is detained on Board the Defence, without having entered into any Engagement to continue on Board of her. — We desire that you, as Capt. Cooke is out of Town, bring the Man before us and be as well prepared as you can, to give us Information of the Reasons wherefore he is detained, if detained against his Will. — We are &c.  
The Commanding Officer on Board  
the Defence.

Sir. In Council Annapolis 5<sup>th</sup> June 1777. We could have wished you had sent us an Estimate of the Expence of building the Magazine, but, as we esteem it necessary, we have, on Conversation with Capt. Furnival ordered £250. into your Hands; you'll keep a regular Account of the Expences of it. We have talked with Capt. Furnival on the Manner of doing the Work, but have directed nothing on the Subject, he seems at present, to think it may be best to build it of Wood, you will consider the Matter and do what may appear the most proper. We have most of the Artillery Men here in Town, the Thing which can be done to keep the Men healthy ought to be done; it is proper to keep them from being crowded; you'll therefore call on the Garrison and get about thirty Tents. The Men by being thus separated may have free Air & be kept clean. Capt. Furnival has very warmly prep'd for a long time to which we have given him, in Hopes of his being able to hold the Town as well as under a confidence that the Garrison would be well off. — We are &c.  
Maj: Nathl: Smith.