

We have to Mr. Master and the American Captains on board to come
by land or, if it should be more agreeable, they may come down in the
Blaze. You will communicate this to Mr. Master & the Captains.
Majr John Steward. we are &c.

Council Annapolis 19th Sept^r 1780

Sir

Commodore Barron from the State of Virginia, is just arrived here, in
expectation of being joined by some Vessels of War (according to the In-
formation communicated to Gov^r Jefferson in consequence of the Engagement
of Mr. Steward on Behalf of the Merchants of Baltimore Town) to co-
operate with him in capturing & expelling from our Bay the Private-
turs & Cruisers of the Enemy. Which, you are sensible, have not only
injured the Traders of this State, by interrupting the Commerce,
but committed considerable Depredations on the Property of the
Inhabitants. Upon this Occasion, we are very anxious to render the
Commodore every Assistance in our Power, as well to effect the
desirable Purpose of driving the Enemy from our Bay, as to comply
with our Engagement, as far as possible, to the Governor of Virginia.
The Commodore has brought up the Barge in which Anderson was
taken, and thinks, if she was properly fitted, she would be very
serviceable and, in conjunction with the State Boats, be sufficient
to attack the Enemy's Barges & Whale Boats, and that the Barge
would be particularly useful in expelling them from the Creeks &
other Places of Concealment. If you will lend us the Barge to go
on this Expedition, we will haul her manned & properly equipped
and will make you a proper Compensation, if any should be required,
for the Use and will, in case she should be captured or sustain
any Damage, pay you her present Value, to be ascertained by
proper Judges, or repair the Damage

John Sterrett Esq^r

we are &c.

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Sir

We have transmitted you, by Capt. Boyer £100. of the new Emission of
this State, with which we request you to purchase the General Articles
enumerated below and deliver them to Capt. Boyer. you will not give
a higher Price in this Money than in Continental Dollars, calcu-
lating one of these Dollars to be equal to forty
216^{lb} Brown Sugar @ 60^{cts}, 13^{1/2}^{cts} Bohea Tea @ 37^{1/2}^{cts}
121^{1/2}^{lb} Coffee @ 44¹⁰^{cts}, 24^{cts} Soap @ 75^{cts}, 27^{cts} of Tobacco manufactured for Officers @ 50^{cts}
70^{cts} Tobacco common, for Soldiers

Capt. Geo. P. Skerrets