

Sir:

The Council of Safety are desirous of knowing what publick arms are at Baltimore Town in the Magazines in the hands of the Manufacturers or others and request you would immediately send them down if there be twenty or upwards that a distribution may be made amongst the independent Companies. We want but few arms now including those we have here to arm all the Companies compleatly.

We are yr mo: obedt Servts.

Pr Order:

To Guard Hopkins Jr.

Commissary Stores at Balt }

Sir Capt Campbell has applyd to our board to exchange two pieces of Cannon belonging to the Province for two pieces four pounders. Those he has are too long for the service he is going on. If his Cannon are good of the kind and will answer the public service we are willing to make the exchange and desire you would let Capt Campbell have two of the four pounders now at the Battery.

To Capt Smith.

We are yr mo: obedt Servts

Sir We have received information that there are no vessels of war below except the Otter and Eelback and that most of the Frigates are gone to the Carolina Coast to protect the transports on their arrival there, in consequence of which we have ordered down the Briggs Fortune and Rogers and the Schooner Ninety Two with valuable cargoes of Bread and Flour and require you will give them what assistance you can in getting out, if you see a probability of their running there, but if from any certain intelligence which you may receive, you should think it most likely they may fall into the hands of the Enemy if they proceed, we would have you immediately order them to return to Balt.

It is a matter of great consequence to the Province to have these vessels got safe out if possible, and we would have them conveyed down as low as you think you can venture with safety to yourself.

To Capt Jas Nicholson.

We are yr mo: obedt Servts

P.S. Order the Boat which will deliver you this to speak the vessels on their way down the Bay and let them know where to joyne you.

Sir:

23 August 1776.

We will take the blankets you told Capt Norwood you could procure for the publick fifty for his Company, and the remainder you will keep till further orders. Be pleased to have them valued by two Gentlemen who may be indifferent and the price shall be paid to you or your order on transmitting the amount.

To Mr Edward Parker.

We are yr mo: obedt Servts

In Council of Safety, May 25<sup>th</sup> 1776.

This board have been requested by the Convention to countermand your orders for sailing. You are therefore not to move from your Station till you have further directions: or if you have moved you are to return into the River Potepsco.

To Captains Thomas Ridley, Joseph Monbrey and Gabriel Sudd.

And are yr mo: obedt Servts

Gentlemen