

Dispatch a Vessel we have chartered to perform a voyage to the foreign West  
Indies. should there not be enough in your hands be pleased to apply to  
Messrs. Lusk and Bowley who have 100 Barrels of flour of ours, in their  
custody, we wish the vessel to be dispatched and as we

Yr<sup>o</sup> most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>o</sup>

for order

To Mr. Cumberland & Sugar.  
Gentlemen.

In Council of Safety, 19<sup>th</sup> June

Mr. Willson and sundry other gentlemen in company are about to set  
up and carry on a salt works on the seaboard in your County. It is in  
our opinion a matter of so much consequence to the Public as to merit  
any possible encouragement, and therefore request you to forward it,  
by giving the gentlemen engaged therein your friendly assistance.

To Committee of

We are &c

Worcester County

Sir. We received yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> informing us of the discovery of  
a blift or Bank on the river Patuxent strongly impregnated with  
Common salt, and are in great hopes that on a further inspection it  
may prove adequate to our utmost wishes, but as experiments only can  
ascertain the Quantity of the earth of that quality you will greatly  
oblige us if you would make the proper trial how far and to what  
depth it may probably be traced, if its extent should be considerable,  
it will be a discovery of the greatest importance to the public, and we  
therefore wish you would immediately communicate to us the  
success of your inquiry, and we will most cheerfully reimburse you  
all expenses you may be at in making the experiment. We are  
pleased with the progress you advise us you are making in the  
manufactory of salt petre and are in hopes that by a skilfull manage-  
ment and proper attention of the several managers in this province,  
the demands for that useful article may be sufficiently supplied  
in a short time - we wish you full success and are.

To J. Johnson of

Yr<sup>o</sup> most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>o</sup>

Calvert County

In Council of Safety, Annapolis June 18<sup>th</sup> 1776

Captain Joseph Handy.

You are to proceed from hence with all possible dispatch to the  
Islands of the Custatia, with the Letters directed to Mr. Abraham Vanbeber  
who will give you directions, what you are to do with your Cargo. His  
advice you are to follow in every particular, should you have any  
goods put on board by Capt<sup>n</sup> Vanbeber to bring back, as soon as  
you have done your business, make the best of your way home, and  
avoid speaking with vessels on the Coast or elsewhere; when you  
come into the latitude of our Cape, if you have a strong wind in,  
and no danger of men of war or Slanders, push up the Bay as far  
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