

To Colonel Drosey.

Sir. The Co. of Artillery requests you will agree with Blake for the
Cartidge Boxes &c. the price of the whole is 12/6. but we cannot
ascertain them individually not having yet been furnished the
contracts by Mr. Alexander who made them.

To Thomas Smyth Esq.

Sir. we have immediate occasion on account of the Province
for some Rivets and small Cannon from four pounders downwards
and shall, as we are informed your furnace is in blast, be very
glad to know whether you can cast them, if you can be pleased to let
us know the terms and by what time you can furnish us with them
we are &c.

To Charles Ridgely Esq. Gent. Baltimore County
In Council of Safety, July 8th 1776

Gentlemen. The Convention have ordered that the sum of
£10,000. be appropriated to fortify the City of Annapolis and place
obstructions in the River Severn but as we have, not, nor know
of an engineer properly qualified to carry on the works and your
stations may perhaps afford you an opportunity of assisting us,
with - we beg you will make enquiry for, and recommend to us
some person of knowledge and experience in that service, we are
anxious to comply with the Resolves of Convention, as Annapolis is very
indefensible and we presume from its advantage situation, may
be an object with the enemy. we are so thronged with business
that we cannot now write you fully, but will as soon, as we have
a little leisure, as all conveniences may not be provided for
Col. Smallwood and the Troops by the time they reach Philad^a.
we request you will give him all the assistance you can, we
also send you inclosed a resolve of our Convention relating to our
Regular forces w^{ch} we desire you will communicate to the Brigadier
General of the Flying Camp.

P.S. we take the liberty of recommending Capt^m Stricker to you as a
person proper for a field officer in the sev^r. Battalion and that
the service will be benefitted by his appointment. If he should be
commissioned the sooner tis done the better as it will probably be
a great inducement to his countrymen to enlist.

To Deputies in Congress.

7th July 1776.

The Council of Safety are much at a loss in respect to the contracts
made by you in Baltimore they have wrote to you several times to
transmit them but never have had the pleasure to receive them or
a line from you on the subject. There is a real necessity for their
being lodged here as some of the artificers do not comply with their contracts
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