

We enclose you a letter and order to Mr. Hoollingsworth for 400 Bayonets of different sized sockets, for the militia arms, if you engage for us in that business you will send them by express but if you cannot you will be pleased to return them.

To G. Winters.

Sir. We have received both yours of the 11th and have dispatched the last vessel you sent down with the flower on board, Mr. Lued & Rowley's vessel has been so much damaged by their negligence for which no doubt they will think it but reasonable to make us a compensation. You will receive by Capt. Nicholson two hundred and fifty pounds, out of which you will be pleased to pay for the vessels that carried the soldiers from Baltimore as also for those you sent down to Annapolis for that purpose. We are pleased with your conduct and are obliged to you for the assistance you have given us. We request you will purchase the timber, what wels may want for building the two gondolas and apply the remainder of the money in payments for the same, what iron you may have occasion for shall be sent you as you want it. While you are employed in the public business we really think it unreasonable you should be obliged to attend at musters, it is our desire therefore that you should be exempt from that attendance and desire you will signify this to your officers &c.

We are &c.

To Mr. Jesse Hoollingsworth
Baltimore Town

In Council of Safety
July 12th 1776.

Sir. The C. of S. would be glad to see you immediately on the subject of your letter.

To G. Ridgely Sent.

Gentlemen. Mr. Hughes the Bearer of this has been under contract with the Convention to supply them with Cannon, he has nearly complied with his contract with us and has run himself and his partners to a pretty considerable expence to get his works into such order as may enable them to cast many more than we shall probably want for the use of this Province, the Cannon of his first casting did not stand proof but he has his furnaces ^{now} in such order that the Cannon they cast are very good, he has been informed that the Congress are in want, and would willingly contract with them and would yet considerably enlarge his works provided the Congress would take all the Cannon, he and his partners should cast before the first day of next January twelvemonth. We introduce him to you as a man of credit & who will in our opinion comply with any contract he may enter into with the Congress.

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