

mild answers are best by degrees people cool & will hear reason
on these occasions coercive measures generally make matters worse
From the attention our Council has given to the affairs of the
Province as well as the success which has attended their mea-
sures. I am inclined to think that their advice may have
weight. The General Assembly in my opinion ought to be called
without delay. Great supply should be raised expeditiously
or the game will be up and I fear without saving me
Lunch. However we have the consolation that nothing
in our power has been wanting to save our state.

God Bless you all

Yours obed

Yours aff^{ly} Sam^l of St. Thom^s Parish

Maynard tells me that Captain Fulford narrowly es-
caped being killed through and heard him say that if he was orde-
red to oppose the people he would throw up his commission as it
would be in vain for him to ~~at~~ attempt it. We are &c.

In Council of Safety Dec. 23^d 1776

Sir, Information has been made to us that Mr Sam^l
Abell of St. Mary's County being lately made Sheriff of said County
declined to act as inspector, which office he has for some time
in part exercised. Should this be the case, Mr Abell must make a
written resignation of his office of Inspector to the committee &
you will then deliver the enclosed Commissions to Mr. Enock Le-
wrick and transmit us an account of such your proceedings.

Col. Abram Barnes.

We are Sir &c

December 23^d 1776

Sir, Mr. Howard tells us that a quantity of Rigg Iron
had been delivered at Hilles Point on behalf of the Publick for which
no Receipt has been delivered - we request the favour of you to see that
the quantity of Iron is right according to account Ridgely Howard &
Lux, and give a receipt for the same and have it taken care of

Joseph Hollingsworth Esquire.

We are yours Sir &c.

December 23^d 1776

Sir, We are desirous that Col. Eist or any other of the Cols
who have commissions in the Continental Service should have the
County Money necessary to enlist their men. We apprehend this
would be done by Congress as a matter of course without any ap-
plication to us. Col. Eist says you think otherwise, therefore we
have wrote this line and request you will forward the delivery,
of the money to the several officers for recruiting as soon as
possible.

Samuel Chase Esquire

We are with respect Sir &c

December 23^d 1776