

of all the prizes and effects sold that were taken by the defence. Had the men not received pay they would have been killed to our help, but they having been constantly paid are entitled to our third under the Resolves of Conventions.

David Stewart Marshall

We are, Sir, yours.

Sir, We have honored your Draft of £ 4077. 12. 6 to Mr. David Stewart, the sum is large: but as you have done and are constantly doing many services for the state we have therefore done it. Whatever your account may be we should be obliged to you from time to time to let us have it that we may be justified to those who have put us in authority. Your accounts together with others will be called for by the General Assembly, be pleased then to let us have it when convenient. Let the Ship Lydia be got ready with all expedition. The Ship Lydia will get her bread from out of the stores belonging to the public. When Captain Walker wants money for the Gondola he ought to apply here and we will supply with what is necessary. For Beef and other provisions you will be pleased to furnish out of that which is bought for the state. We have wrote Mr. Stewart the Marshall. As to the shops to be furnished Captain Cook's people we should be glad you would undertake it, and keep a shop always full that they may have them when they want. But you will be pleased to observe that Captain Cook or his people are to pay you, again at the state unless it be necessaries for the Ships for it.

To Jesse Hollingsworth Baltimore Town.

We are, Sir,

Sir, We have not as yet fully and finally determined what to do with the ship Lydia. whether we shall load her with Tobacco in Portsmouth or with flour Bread and Tobacco at Baltimore Town. We will let you know more about the matter in a few days. We cannot assure you at this time to march with the militia and request you would show this letter to the commanding officers and let them know ~~you give~~ we have given you an exemption on account of your being employed in the service of the state in their Business, which cannot be neglected. We are, Sir

P.S. We wrote you the other day which comes by the same opportunity.

January 31st 1777.

To Jesse Hollingsworth.

We are, Sir, yours. &c

January 31st 1777

Sir, we have received your letter about Tickleburg, and also one from Mr. Jacobs and William Johnson about making beds, they ask 1776 besides Thread Furniture &c. which we think extravagant. We request you would endeavour to get them done upon better terms if you can; and let us hear from you, Thread may