

Annapolis February 5th 1777.

Sir, Your favour of the 2^d February we have received and have sent you by Mr. Caine the several Sums of Money you write for. Be pleased to call on Doctor Scot for such a quantity of Salt as you think necessary for curing the Beef and Pork you have furnished for this State, We herewith send you a Commission for Captain Coursey, which he pleased to send him, as you can do this favour conveniently, the sooner he takes charge of the Sallery the better.

Mr. Thomas Smyth.

We are, Sir, Wth Res.February 5th 1777.

Sir, We received yours of the 27. January and shall be much obliged to you if you would let us have about ten tons of Cordage of all sizes some cables and others smaller such as you may think most fit. We must pay you what is reasonable the price of hemp and all other circumstances being considered.

Should any diversity of sentiment arise we are perfectly willing to leave the matter to disinterested persons who are well acquainted with the business.

We are, Sir,

To Christopher Lounds Esquire.

With respect your^{ts} &c.In Council of Safety February 6th 1777.

Sir, Our last of the 3^d instant contained a requisition that you would get ready three or four Hundred of the Militia or Regulars and proceed to Somerset and Worcester Counties to suppress some insurrections that have arisen there. We can now inform you that the situation of our affairs there begins to be very alarming and that speedy Exertions are immediately necessary, and therefore request that without loss of time you will, with the permission of Congress, immediately procure the Men above mentioned together with two field Pieces, at the least and proceed to Somerset County where you are to use the utmost Endeavours to suppress the Insurgents in those parts taking care to apprehend and secure as many of the Leaders of that party as you possibly can.

We are, Sir,

To Colo. M. Gat.

With respect your^{ts} &c.

Annapolis in Council of Safety February 7. 1777.

Sir, The enclosed deposition of Captain Patterson will inform the Honorable Congress now in Session of an alarming and dangerous Insurrection in Somerset County; And the Council of Safety apprehending the force of this State which can be immediately collected together to be insufficient to quell it begs that the Honorable Congress will strengthen their hands by sending such assistance