account of the expenses of conveying and guarding the powder sent by order of the Council of Safety to Baltimore which I am told the Convention allowes the persons employed by the Committee look to them for their money. I am therefore desired to request you will be pleased to send it up by the Bearer Mr Elia Williams. The amount you have below exclusive of the wages to the officer of the Guard, whose allowance was left to the Convention which I presume they settled. I am gentlemen your most Obt Servt. John Hanson Jr.

3 Waggons hired at 4£ each ..... 12..0.0

6 men as a guard @ 32/6 ..... 9..15—

£ 21..15..0

Officer of the Guard.

To the Honble the Comme of Safety of Maryland.

Baltimore 12th Feby 1776.

Sir. Before this no doubt you have heard of ill fate of the Schooner Nancy at St Eustatia, I have as yet no letters from my Capt or supercargo I daily expect to hear from them - as soon as I do shall advise you - as to the vessels being taken that account is confirmed different ways which I am sorry for - I have provided a cargo of flour some time ago expecting the Schooner inward had no doubt of her bringing ammunition which would have got me a permission to have loaded her out on my own acct - I have a good deal of money due me from St Croix a Dennish Island near to St Statia. if your honorable Council would give me liberty to send a Schooner I now have here, to that place where I have a number of Correspondence which I know to be true friends to our cause and will go any lengths to serve us with such things as we may want I would load her with 3 or 4m Red Oakstaves some flour and Indian meal and corn and send her immediately to St Croix. where my Capt with the assistance of my friends there, would get all the powder that could be got in that Island - and could go over to Statia leave my vessel at St Croix, purchase such goods as I wanted order powder &c if to be got and take it to St Croix in a small craft where it might with great safety be put on board my vessel - the money that is due me there and the cargo I would send out would I think buy near 2000£ value of a back cargo - so eligible is this plan to me that I have laid before you that if you give me permission I will risque it all on my own acct and will give all the arms ammunition &c I may get in - the first offer of all to the Council of Safety - should you be afraid that by granting me this permition you would be troubled with many other applications it need not be known to any but that she goes on acct of the province.

Sir. you will please excuse me troubling you as you the only gentleman of the Comme I have the honour to be acquainted with - pray favour me with an answer by the first opp.ty and you will much oblige Sir your

Very Humble Servt

William Neill

To the Honble Charles Carroll a member of the Council of Safety

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