

Baltimore 13. Feby, 1776.

Gentlemen. Capt. Charles Wells of the Pilot Boat Chatham has applied to me to be excused from taking on board the Flou which he has engaged to take in on acct of the Province, as the Gentlemen who are concerned in the adventure, are afraid it might subject the vessel to a seizure, in case a Tender should happen to meet her, either here, or going into statia. The flou is purchased by us, & has been ever since you were here and we have been waiting every day for his order to send it down. We cannot undertake to grant the Indulgence without your directions, and he now waits on you for that purpose. If you can allow us to load the sloop I mentioned, this Flou may be a part of her cargo, in case you permit Capt. Wells to leave it out, and I shall be glad to have your answer by him. I am most respectfully Gent^l. your most obed^t Serv^t.
Will^m Larp.

To the Honble Council of Safety of Maryland.

Woodward 14th. Feby, 1776.

D. Sir. In my way down called on W. West & viewed his gun Locks, some of which are tolerable good, but not equal to the English Musket locks those at 7/6 are good at the price, & might answer the militia; at this critical time I think it would be well to engage the whole, as they are a very scarce article. Knives will be much wanting in the — purchased out of their pay or allowed by council & he has 231 cutters wh^{ch} you'll judge of the expediency of taking I am with much
Respect Sir. your very obed^t Able Serv^t.
W. Smallwood.

To the Honble Land of St. Tho^s. Jenifer Pres^t of the Council of Safety.

Princeps Ann Feb 15th. 1776.

Sir. I am directed by the Committee of observation of this County to inform you that the independant Company raised for this County and commanded by Capt. Gunby will be collected at this place on Tuesday next, and they are desirous some way should be pointed out for supplying them with provisions & other necessaries. if I remember right the mode of victualling the troops is left entirely in the breast of the Council of Safety, & I presume you have taken some order in it before this time there is certainly a necessity that provisions and firewood should be immediately procured by some person or other for the several companies or the probable event will be that they will, or at least many of them, leave their place of station. If a particular person in each County should be appointed either by the Council of Safety as the contractor general I would beg leave to mention to you Mr. James Geoghagan a merchant of this Town both willing & capable of executing the business. I beg some immediate order may be taken in this matter & am for the Committee
Sir. Your mo. ob. serv^t.
Gust^d. Scott.

To Land St. Tho^s. Jenifer Esq^r.

Gent. I send you inclosed copies of the instructions & private signals of the several men of War & transports on the American station. as these might
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