Sir Mr. Ogle has shewed me a note which Mr. Purviance brought him from the Comm.ee of Safety; Whereby its probable you may have occasion to see Capt. Martin, therefore have given him orders to waite on the comm.ee of Safety with Mr. Ogles Captain, should you have occasion to employ the Brig Friendship Capt. Martin back here with such returns as you may have ordered, I shall have no sort of objection, provi-ding you insure her at one thousand pounds, this money, and allow a sufficient Freight for such goods as she may bring back; the Captain alone intended she did bring some property of his lying in the West Indies invested in salt rum &c. with her freight money out, The vessel is a prime sailor & has a Bermuda Register, & manned with negroes save the Capt. & mate which may probable be a cloak for her against the late resolution of the Parliament to seize all american vessels. I am satis-fied you cannot employ a vessel more fitting then the Friendship, & S.d you deter-mine on this Capt. Martin will take your orders respect.g the Homeward voy-age, & I shall be glad in such case that you will please write me a few lines in conformity to the above proposal; as I am acting only as an Agent, for Capt. Stone and am With all respect. Sir your most obed.t humb.le Servt.

Batt.o 18th February 1776. Ner.l Courtenay.

To Charles Carroll Esqr. Barrister.

Prince Georges County Feby 18th 1776.

Gentlemen. During the setting of the last convention, the officers of the several Company's belonging to the eleventh Battalion of this Province, were appoin-ted, except the Nottingham Company, which could not then be done for want of a choice being made by the people since that, and very lately, the people have had a meeting for that purpose, & have made choice of the following Gentlemen viz.t Fielder Bowie Esq.r Captain. Mess.rs Robert Bowie first Lieu-tenant. William Newman Dorsett second Lieutenant, and George Gant Ensign - as it's necessary their Commissions should immediately issue, I am desired by the Company to apply for them, & a messenger is sent on purpose I must therefore request you will direct your Clerk to fill up the Commissions with the names of the above gentlemen and inclose them to me by the return of this express who will wait for that purpose. I am Gent. with great regard

Your most ob.t humb.le Ser.t Joseph Simpr

To the Honble The Council of Safety of Maryland.

Mount Clare Feby 19th 1776.

Gent. I had this morning some conversation with Dr. Wiesenthall, and inclosed I send you what he wrote me in consequence of it. I do not recollect that we have any Powder on removal of the troops to increase his salary - The drugs are he tells me valued at £150 p.r Cr. on the first cost - I mentioned to him that as he might have occasion for some assistants, & there were ma--ny young gentlemen that offered themselves. We expected he would appoin-t one them, & pitch on such as he thought best qualified; Wh.r he agreed to do, I think therefore that it may not be improper to send him the names of such as stand on the list - as we have some men in Annapolis that were

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