Gent.n The inclosed was sent to my house at Annapolis and by my clerk sent me up here. Mr. Hughes by what he has heard, supposes there may be 20 nine pounders cast by this time, tho he has not since we saw him at Ball's Town received any letters from his brother. there will be he tells me 1080 lb.s of Powder wanting to try them all, 1800 lb.s for the 20 nine pounders, and 900 for the 50 eighteen pounders at the weight of the ball in Powder for each Gun. this I suppose, must be ordered from Frederick Town, however you will consider whether it may be necessary to send the powder for the eighteen pounders till all or some of them at least be cast. you will observe what he says about the kinds of Powder, I suppose that sent from annapolis to Frederick was proper for Cannon, if not I do not know that we have any, the only method then we can fall upon, must be to diminish the quantity in proportion to the strength, this I collected from him was what he desired - I really do not know any person of experience & knowledge that we could appoint to attend the proving of them and trying of their bores to find whether they were clear of material flaws. Major Price if he be with you, perhaps may be able to inform you of one - Mr Hughes mentioned Mr Steel & Mr Baird if they understand it and will be pleased to undertake it I am sure I shall not have the least objection to them - Mr Cummings waits on you with his bond he has made some alterations if you agree to them I shall have no objection.

I am Gent.n y.r most obedient Hble Serv.t

Charles Carroll.

Mount Clare Feb.y 22.d 1776.

To the Council of Safety of Maryland.

Leo.d Town 23.d Feb.y 1776.

Gent.n Agreeable to the directions of our Committee I send you by Lieut. Neale seven gun locks which are all we have belonging to the Public I have also sent you some gold which be kind enough to give him paper money for Philip rec.d Second Lieutenant in the Leo.d Town Company of Militia, has desired leave, to resign his Commission, as being very inconvenient for him to attend should therefore be glad you would appoint Bennet Combs in his place (who is ensign in the Company) and James Williams ensign, the Company belongs to the 21.st Batt.n of Militia. If agreeable send the commissions by Mr Neale. We have rec.d no powder as yet from Charles Coty. I remain Gent.n your

Hble Serv.t Rich.d Barnes.

To the Honble The Council of Safety of Maryland.

Leonard Town 24.th Feb.y 1776.

Gent.n At the time I waited on you at Annapolis, I gave orders to Mr. Steward the first Lieutenant of my Company to be at Leonard Town with the party of thirty men (which he returned to me) on tuesday last, but have heard not a word either of him or the men since that time, The men enlisted by me are now here supported by Mr. Ford and we are endeavouring to instruct them as fast as possible we can, I am sorry to request that you will interfere in the business and order Mr Steward down with the thirty men that he has enlisted, Information was lodged this day with the Committe that two men well dressed

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