

with me, whether I had power alone to adjourn to a future day. If I had, was alto-
gether uncertain whether the members would be at liberty to attend, and one election
coming on the next following, I determined at last to postpone any business proceedings
thereon for the present, indeed had a court martial been held and the parties
ready for trial, we could not have proceeded with propriety, as the charge against
them was not expressed in the order, and Col. Marshall had not furnished me
with it. I have since applied to him for the charge, and his answer was that
he had lodged it with the Council of Safety, signed by Col. Somerville and himself,
where he referred me.

I then resolved to return the order to your Honorable board with the reasons
why I had not proceeded, but unluckily had mislaid it amongst some other
papers and could not lay my hands on it, till within a few days past.
I now inclose it and hope your Honorable board will not impute the board with neglect or
disobedience of your orders, but to the reasons above assigned; and should quite think
it expedient to renew the order, must request that the charge against the parties
may be thereto annexed, and be assured I will immediately proceed thereon
agreeable to your directions.

To— I have the honor to be with the greatest respect, Gent—

The Honorable

Your most Obedt Servt—

Council of Safety of Maryland

Pat-Sim Smith

Annapolis October 25th 1776

Gent— Agreeable to your order I have called up the men that's now
here under my command and have made them acquainted with the
resolves of Convention respecting the enrolment of the Company of Antislaves,
25 of them tells me they will enlist under the resolves and from the dispo-
sition of many others I think they will in a little time come into the Com-
pany.

His Council of Safety.

W. Matthews, Esq

Gent—

Tells Point October 25th 1776.

I received a line from you requiring me to make tents for
Captains Holland and Harris's Company of Maryland County, but as I cannot get Can-
vass here must refer to you for the procuring the same if to be had at Annapolis.
I shall be always proud to obey any orders that I may receive from your Honorable
Board.

To the Honorable Council of Safety.

I am Gent your most Obedt Servt—

William Robinson.

Gent—

Please to direct a Court martial for the trial of Stanley Cook,
soldier in the 15th Battⁿ Clin, for Misbehaviour and you'll oblige

To the Honorable

The Council of Safety.

Your Hble Servt

Solomon - 25th Octo - 1776.

Gentlemen,

War Office October 26th 1776

I am directed by the Board of War in answer to your letter
of the 18th inst to inform you that it is their opinion and they request you will
direct that the Rifle Company mentioned in your letter be immediately marched
to