

Charter Town, they can pass the winter there, a few days will
relieve us from Ensignature

I submit to you the propriety of ordering the Artillery
Companies at Baltimore Town and Annapolis, be exercised
daily, if the weather will permit, and at least three times a week.
Practice alone can make Artillists. In our Army we destroy as
many of our own troops as the Enemy.

Your letter of the 12th I received by Yesterday's Post -
We have paid for the paper. There are not 400 Dollars in Mr. Pacap's
hands, would it not be proper to transmit the account to Congress,
or by some means lodge money here to exchange our money.

I delivered the Resolves relative to Virginia to the Del-
egates of that State -

I am, Gentlemen, with Respect -

The Honble.

Council of Safety of Maryland,
Annapolis

Your Obedt Servt.

Sam^l Chase.

Charter Town Nov^r 27th 1776.

Gentlemen -

I have not yet received any salt for curing the Beef and
Pork you gave me orders to purchase and unless it arrives soon the
season will be over before I can begin to purchase any of those arti-
cles - there is a good deal of Pork to sell in this Quarter tho' the Dealers
ask a very high price - You'll please to hurry over the Salt instead
for me, unless it arrives soon it will be needless to attempt any
purchase here this Fall -

I hope the Defiance is safe arrived. I have been
uneasy for her safety as she has exceeded her proposed Cruise.

I am with much Respect -

The Honble.

The Council of Safety
in Annapolis

Yours most Obedt Servt

Thos. Smyth

Cambridge Nov 27th 1776.

Gentlemen -

As I have heretofore had the honor of an appoint-
ment from your Board to the Command of a Battalion of Militia
of y^r State. Permit me to return you thanks with that warmth of Esteem

I have filled that Station, as long as I find it convenient
under its present Regulations, and must therefore beg leave to resign.

The Honble Council of Safety
Annapolis

Wth Obedt Servt

James Murray