

Baltimore Dec: 17th 1776.

Sir.

Capt. Martin has sail'd at last with a fair wind I wish him a good voyage
Capt. Kook has sail'd this day with his Marches for Elk. I have received \$1000 by
Mr. Speer and 500 by Capt. Kook. I shall pay all Capt. Martin's bill, but his
Expense is greater than I could imagine. his Bills are coming in still
I am purchasing Pork for the Ship, and all such things as Capt. Kook has direct-
ed me to provide. I intend purchasing the Brig and M'ooner if to be got and
any terms. But their sales is not come on.

From your humble Servt:

Jesse Hollingsworth.

The Honorable Council of Safety
Annapolis

P.S. I shall set off for the Camp to morrow morning, but the bu-
siness will go on.

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Gentlemen -

When Col: Smallwood's Battalion marched into this City his
men were greatly distressed for want of salt, and the Quarter Master (Mr. Man-
ley) hearing that there was some at Doct: Stewart's where I then lodged, ap-
plied to me for a small quantity to answer the immediate and pressing
Call. Tho' I had not any authority from Mr: Stewart who had removed
to the Country, to dispose of any part of it I could not withhold it, but
told the Quarter Master to take what he thought might be sufficient
not exceeding eight or ten bushels provided he would engage to replace it
out of the first he could spare - which he promised to do. I really do not
know the exact quantity he took out as he did not give me any report. In-
deed I did not apprehend it at that time at all necessary that he should,
presuming he would render his accounts from time to time to your Board
and that the quantity would appear from thence, but as nearly as I can
recollect he informed me he had about five bushels. As Mr: Stewart is
now in want, and the salt has not been replaced, I shall be much
obliged to your Honor for an order for that quantity or what other your
Honor may think proper - if it should appear hereafter that he had not
so much, the surplus shall be returned.

I have the Honor to be.

Yours

Your most Obed^t & Hum^l Servt
Ja. Tilghman

The Honorable

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Head of Elk 18th Dec: 1776.

Honoured Sir,

Having just returned from Philadelphia, am informed by
Col: Bums of your order to hold the Battalion in readiness to march