

Baltimore Jan^y 2nd 1777.

The Hon^{ble} The Council of Safety, Gentlemen, We have for Sale 91 pieces of
Tacklenburg such is suitable for tents - If you want the whole or any part
of it, we make you an offer of it at 3/4 per y^{ard} - We shall be glad to know
your determination about it as soon as possible, as, if you do not want it, we
shall offer it to the Casp^{rs}. Since our C. was with you we have had ar-
-rived 3000 bushels Salt, there has come here within these 2 days 7000 bushels
and more daily, is expected. We are your most Obed^t Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}.

VAN Bibber & Crockett.

Sir.

Linganore January 2nd 1777.

I this day, by Mr Sheddine received a second Major's Commission
sent him by you for me. I am oblig'd to you for the trouble you have taken
in sending it, but as its ill convenient for me to accept of it, have return'd
it you again - if the Linganore Battalion marches, I shall march with it,
but not in the capacity of a field officer. I am Sir,

Your very humble servant -

Ephraim Howard.

Gent.

Calvert County, 3rd January 1777.

Inclosed you have Lieutenant-Cole Alexander Somervell's Commis-
-sion, which he resign'd on the 19th of last December. I am with great Respect,

The Hon^{ble} The Council of } Gent. your most humble servant -

Safety of Maryland }

Benj. Mackall 4th

Gentlemen

Talbot County, January 3rd 1777.

I am favoured with yours by express and am sorry you should
want any information from the Commisfioners in recruiting the Army. At
Wilmington the return was to have been made, but on getting there the Gen-
-tlemen very anxious to get forward proposed talking all the papers and
-compleating the business before they parted. To this proposal I agreed and gave
-up the papers that were in my possession - Under these circumstances it per-
-haps will not be in my power to give you thonsours the satisfaction I could wish
-tho' should you still incline that I should wait on you, on intimating as much
-by the return of an express, I sent off yesterday, I will immediately wait on
-you being with the greatest Respect Gentlemen, your most Obed^t Hum^{ble} Serv^{ts}.
The Hon^{ble} The President of the Council }
of Safety in Annapolis } (in express)

Jas^s Lloyd Chamberlain.

The want of salt will create great uneasiness with us, and as I hear there
-is a vessel belonging to the Publick with a quantity just arrived, if a few hun-
-dred bushels could be sent for sale near the heads of our Rivers, in my humble
-opinion it would have a good effect.

Gentlemen -

Baltimore Town, Jan^y. 3rd 1777.

Congress have received no letters from General Washington since
-the 27th - We are informed by private letters, that all our forces about 10,000 are
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