

by this opportunity that I have applied to Mr Barnett Ackleburger Merchant for cloaths but his price is 18^s/- per yard, but have purchased at 17^s/6 much better of Mr Charles Harris, therefore please to let me know by the Bearer, whether I must render you a bill of cost or to Mr Chase. I have applied to Mr Chase for blankets, and he sent me to the Board of War, but I could get none, but Mr Chase told me that the best that come I should have; but is very uncertain when I shall get any, my soldiers are forced to stand centry night and day, which I think very hard; I think it very proper to get leather Breeches for my soldiers as they are willing to allow the difference between them and others out of their wages, I should be glad you would inform whether I shall be right in so doing; I can get very good Stockings at 15^s/- per pair, the same man is applied to for all he can make in a twelvemonth at the same price; also the hats whether I shall get them made in Baltimore, or your Honors send them up to me from Annapolis with the other cloathes: ~~~~~

The person I recommended to you as first Lieut. is a wool card maker as you expected him to be, &c. The Lieut in my last recruit Phillips still by name is ready, and willing to serve in my company and I think him a worthy man and a good Soldier from Capt. Deans.

To the Honourable Council of Safety this in Annapolis. Maryland.

Gentlemen.

Baltimore 18th Janry 1777.

My brother who is just returned from Annapolis informs me that you have occasion for and want to purchase a vessel. I lately bought a Snow which I would be willing to part with, it not being in my power to put her into the trade I at that time intended. She is English built and will carry about 1500 Bbls Flour. She is exceeding well found and will want scarce any repairs, An inventory I now inclose you. She cost me at public Sale £ 1720 - for which price you may have her allowing me the Commission you give to those who purchase Ships for you. I will be much obliged for your answer by Mr Stenot who carries this, or sooner if possible and am. Gentlemen.

To The Honble The Council of Safety

Your Obedt Servant

Annapolis

John Smith Junr

Inventory of the Snow George viz.

Hull, masts, yards, bowsprit, Standing and running Rigger. One Boat. Two Bower and one kedge Anchors and one Graplin. Two Bower cables. Two Hawser. Two fore Top Sails. Two main Top Sails. Two fore Sails. Two main Sails. One Trysail. Two Top Gallant Sails. One fore Stay Sail. Two Jibs, One main Topmast Stay Sail. One middle Stay Sail. One lower Steering Sail. Two Top Gallant Poyals. One Camboose, and Copper Boilers. Ten water casks, iron hooped. Four Compasses. Four half minute Glases. Four Quarter minute Ds. Two half hour Ds. One

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