

Hessians are daily expected—by the last accounts they were shipping their men and making all necessary preparations for an attack. Gen^l Washington is not so strong as he could wish. Upon these movements of the Enemy he ordered a reinforcement of 2000 from Jersey to York. the Maryl^d Bat^t was immediately sent to him, but I believe the Camps in Jersey were too weak to spare any more. I observe many of the militia of this State in motion, but many are leaving the camp and are not to be kept there by threats or Persuasions. I intend to leave this city on this Day week, till which I shall be ready to execute your Orders, being

Gen^t Your most obed^t Serv^t
T. Stone

Philad^a Aug 13th 1776.

Original.

[R. Christie, Jr., to Jenifer.]

Baltimore 13th August 1776.

Dear Sir. I wrote you some time ago acquainting that I had two schooners which were sunk at the entrance of this harbour by order of the committee for upwards of three months. An allowance has been made me, to put the vessells into as good order as when they were taken away, but I am told an application must be made to the Council of Safety for payment of the demurrage. I should be glad to know when it would be proper to apply & what vouchers the Council will require to ascertain the time the vessells were out of my possession? If necessary, I can make it appear, that I have paid considerable sums for freight of other vessells, during the time my own were sunk. I hope you will excuse my being so troublesome to you; I do not want to come down to Annapolis until I am prepared with the necessary vouchers to compleat the business. You will oblige me very much by giving me an answer at your convenience.

I am Dear Sir your most obed^t Serv^{ts}
Rob^t Christie Jun^r

Original.

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs.

I have Rec^d your Letter Conserving Skow and Bots which I should answered Sum Time But was in Pentapsco Neck Geting timber for the Gundelos which I must atend on I Dont No When it Would Bee Got, and the frig^t Busines as I have all to Prepare for her with my Own Busines and a Thowsand Other Peoples I am allmost Wore Out But shall Try My Best to Serve you there is Skows to Bee had I am Offerd Severall shall Purchase One this Day I sopose, So that you may Speak to One of your Bots to Call for her I must have the Skow