

I hope the Defence is safe arrived. I have been uneasy for C. S. C her safety as she has exceeded her proposed cruise.

I am with much Respect
Gent. Your most obed^t Hum^{ble}
Serv^t

Thos. Smyth.

[A. Hall to Council.]

November 27th 1776.

Gentⁿ

As Cap^t Bennett Mathews has made application to your Hon^{rs} for a Captⁿs place in one of the Gondolas now building, and as Capt. Alexander Cowin and M^r Archb^d Buchanan has one nearly ready, and wants a Captⁿ to take charge of her; and as I am well acquainted with Capt. Mathews and know him to be a good Seaman and a sober man, begg leave to recommend him as a proper person for such a place, and shall take it as a favour if your Honours should think proper to give him a birth.

I am Gentⁿ y^r
Most obed^t Humb^l Serv^t
Aquila Hall.

[J. Murray to Council.]

Cambridge Nov. 27th 1776.

Gentlemen.

As I have heretofore had the Honour of an appointment from your Board to the Command of a Battalion of Militia of y^r State, permit me to return you thanks for that mark of y^r Esteem.

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

Y^r ob^t hum^l Serv^t
James Murray

Thursday 28 Nov. 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N^o 28 was sent to Captain John Martin, Copy of N^o 29 to M^r Stephen Steward, and in his Absence, to M^r Jesse Hollingsworth, Copy of N^o 30 to the Honble Board of War, Philadelphia, and Copy of N^o 31 to the Committee of Observation for Frederick County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Samuel Barber twenty four Pounds Currency for four month's Services as Adjutant to the Severn Battalion of Militia in Anne Arundel County.