

be obliged to the Council of Safety to repay me at this time, c. s. c. as I am in want of salt, and you'l oblidge.

Your most Humble Servant.

Rich Sprigg.

M^r Howard.

You'll deliver to M^r Sprigg or order the above quantity of salt.

R. Ridgely, Clk.

Feb^y 10th 1777. To Nicholas Thomas Esq. at Annapolis

[George Cook to Council.]

Hon^{ble} Gent.

Baltimore Feb^y 10th 1777.

I have agreeable to your order, and consistant with a letter to me from M^r Chase, sent of my Tender with ten men, Under the command of M^r Douglass, who will wait on you, for your farther orders. The Tender is very foull and not in a condition to crouse. I intended to have her cleand and refitted this week, had she not been engaged on this occasion. I am, Hon^{ble} Gentⁿ your most obed^t Humb^{le} Servt.

George Cook.

The Honble The Council of Safty of Maryland.

[Andrew Buchanan to Council.]

Gentlement.

Baltimore County Feb^y 10th 1777.

Their are in Harford County over Deer Creek, six companies of Militia, viz. Captains William Webb, William Morgan, John Partrick, Jno. Jolley, Alex. Rigdon, and Rob^t Glen not yet formed into Battalion. They have had several meetings in order to recommend the necessary Field officers, but the consequence has been uproar and contention, and from the best information I can collect they never will agree. As the appointment is in the Council of Safety, or Assembly it would be well to appoint their officers immediately, or make them independant companies. The following commissions are wanting in Col^o Hall's Battalion, viz for Capt. Jno. Ashmead, Edw. Bussey, 2nd Lieut. Nathaniel West, Ensign, Mathew McClintick 1st Lieut, James Walker 2nd Lieut. The eight Battalion hath had a meeting in order to recommend their field officers but a quarrel ensued which prevented that business being accomplished. In short the militia in my District had rather battle at home than abroad. I see but little probability of their marching. Their are a few in several Battalions, that offer themselves but only on condition that the whole are compel'd, a great majority in each Battalion against marching so that their is not strength enough in any one to