

c. c. Danger will not be so great as now or lately, wherefore we wish you to give Orders for them to return into the Bay with a Discretion in the Captain to vary his Port and attempt the Inlets, if Circumstances should make it expedient. We wish to have both the Vessels well ballasted at least, with Salt.  
We are &<sup>ca</sup>

In Council Annapolis 18<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

Sir

The foregoing is a Copy of ours designed by the Molly and as it contains our Request as to the Disposition of both Vessels. We have nothing further to add in this by the Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood other than that we are &<sup>ca</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Richard Harrison }  
S<sup>t</sup> Piers, Martinico }

[Council to D. Deshon.]

In Council 18<sup>th</sup> May 1778

Sir.

We send down a Quantity of Flour by the Gallies, out of which you are to finish the Stowage of the Molly after putting in the Tobacco now on Board the Baltimore Galley. We thought it better to make up the Deficiency with Flour which will give you a mixed Cargoe, than to purchase the Tobacco below. Inclosed you have a Letter for M<sup>r</sup> Harrison. Do not omit to send us by the Gallies, what belongs to the Molly and will not be necessary in her, with an Inventory

Cap<sup>t</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Deshon.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Original

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.]

Wilmington May 18<sup>th</sup> 1778

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I have inclosed you a Letter from his Excellency General Washington, which he charged me to forward Immediately by an Officer who will wait your leisure should you incline or judge it Necessary to return by him any Dispatches relative to the Subject of the requisition

From every Account and a variety of Circumstances concurring it is supposed the Enemy are about to Evacuate Philadelphia and the General wou'd wish in that Instance to draw the Continental force to a Point to avail himself of any Advantage which might offer; whilst the Public stores remain at Elk and in the Peninsula below, the troops Stationed here, could not with propriety March to join the Army, and have