

Correspondence

to Richard Harrison

Sir.

You have inclosed an invoice and bill of lading of three hundred and eighty six barrels of Flour in the Brig Sam Robert Foyth's Master with 90 of Mead also 4000 staves on account of the Province which you will dispose of in best manner according to your general instructions and the letters heretofore sent. We have only engaged this letter to deliver her Cargo to you as soon therefore she is unloaded if you should have no further use for her you may discharge. We shall be glad to hear from you of her safe arrival and likewise to have leisure from you of your transactions by every good opportunity.

Annapolis Jan^y 19th 1776.

We are &c



Gentlemen:

By a resolution of the Convention of the City of Annapolis and the town of Baltimore are to be fortified if it be practicable. As we are much a loss for Cannon and as we hear they have more at New York and Philadelphia than they have occasion for, we imagine they may be willing to spare some of them. We must therefore request you will be pleased to inquire of the gentlemen of provinces in Congress or of the Committee of Philadelphia whether it will be able to them to lend us any of them and acquaint us with their answer. We want about thirty or forty eighteen pounders. If we are favoured with the loan them they shall be returned or paid for if lost or damaged. As there will be danger in attempting to get them round by water if we borrow them from provinces of New York we judge it may be best to get them down by land Delaware Bay from thence over that carrying place they may be got into our port. Any money that may be necessary to defray the expense of getting them done shall be sent you or lodged where you think proper.

We inclosed you a copy of the resolutions of the Convention for emitting Bills of Credit as several clauses require particular duties to be performed by yourselves.

We are respectfully

Yr most Obedient

Annapolis January 20th 1776.

Thosth Serots

To the Honble The Deputies of Maryland
In Congress Philadelphia

Sir.

The Council of Safety are informed that you have been at Philadelphia and are acquainted with the method the Committee have taken there to prevent the approach of men of War and armed vessels to that City. As the Convention have resolved that the sum of five thousand nine hundred pounds be appropriated to fortify Annapolis and place obstructions in the mouth of the river, the Council would be pleased to see you and take your opinion on any plans or designs that may be thought necessary for carrying the resolution