

but you will think with us that the sooner it reaches England the better in the present critical situation of our affairs; and that you will give Maynard the proper papers to New York.

To The Honble The Deputies of Maryland  
In Congress.  
Philadelphia.

We are with respect

(cont.) Your ob't Servts.

Dant of it Thos Jenifer

Chas Carroll

J Hall

Ia Tilghman.

Sent.

The inclosed memo was intended to be delivered personally to Mr Chase whilst in Baltimore Town, but his going away sooner than we expected prevented its being done: we should be obliged to you to advert to the contents thereof as if addressed to all the Deputies and we pleased to give us an answer as soon as you can with convenience to yourselves.

We find that Blankets, Strads, Camp Equipage and Cannon to say nothing of Powder will be much wanted and we doubt are not to be procured in this province.

When any thing occurs in the news way, we should be glad to have a line from you and are

Yr most ob't Servt

B Town 1. Feby 1776.

Memorandum inclosed in the above letter:

Mr Chase is requested by the Council of Safety to furnish them with the price and dimensions of the Chevaux de frise lately made at Philadelphia

To inform them whether any thing and what has been done in Congress in consequence of a resolve of the late convention relative to the Canvass imported into the Province by Mr Hugo Gouyerson.

Whether Messrs Willing and Morris have received a letter from Merchantain, Hare and Ringold or either of them advising them that this province would receive 5 tons of & salt petre imported by P Ward & Co manufactured into gun powder in full discharge of the powder to be furnished by them and whether they have taken any measures in consequence of it.

Whether there are any match Coat Blankets or Strads to be got in Philadelphia or New York, and to transmit the plates and paper directed by the Money Bill to be procured at Philadelphia, as soon as possible.

also to inform them whether there be any probability of getting knapsacks, Haversacks and Canteens for the soldiers, and at what prices respectively and in what time they can be furnished.

Sir. I S West.

The Council of Safety have been informed that you have a number of gun locks to dispose of if that be the case you will please let them know by the first opportunity what number you have and the price also whether they are single or double biddled locks. You write for an order on the Treasury for powder delivered the Committee, send up their receipt for the quantity delivered and your order will be made out at any time when you receive my order for the same.