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Tells Point February 19<sup>th</sup> 1777

I some time agoe informed you I had engaged a quantity of light Canvas suitable for tents, but receiving no answer. I sent Mr Baranick down to Annapolis to get a particular answer. He was informed that my letter was answered to Mr Hopkins or Hollingsworth, but on enquiry of them can get no intelligence, whether you intend to take it or not. I therefore beg you'll be kind enough to let me know by Capt. Robertson who brings this, whether you will take this Canvas or not. There is about 800 yards at 7/6 per yard, full all wide. Should you take it please send me an order for the money or your agent here.

The Honble The Council of Safety, } I am Gentlemen with great Respect -  
Annapolis } Your humble Servant -

N.B. It takes about 18 yds of this to a tent and 30 yards of the Bonaburg or Tiedlinburg. } William Johnson.

In Council of Safety, Annapolis Feby 19<sup>th</sup> 1777.

The Honble General Assembly - In consequence of your directions to send immediately two armed Cutters to cruise between Cape Hatteras and Chingoteague Inlet, for the purpose of giving early intelligence to all vessels bound to this State, of the Ships of War now stationed in this Bay. We have endeavored to get vessels ready for that purpose, but find it impracticable to procure the Captains on the Bounty and ordinary wages, or men on their present pay, which we think proper to inform you of, and submit to your further consideration. (By order)

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Gentlemen.

Baltimore Town Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1777.

I am sorry to inform you that the Report of the Engagement on Friday week is without any other foundation than a little Skirmish, which the General barely mentions in his letter to our committee in Philadelphia -

Congress are anxiously expecting a reinforcement to our brave and worthy General from the new Levies: Above six weeks ago Congress directed General Smallwood to take a tour through the State and exert his influence in raising our Quota, and they called on all our public Bodies, and every friend to America, to yield him their assistance - I mention this because Congress flattered themselves with great success from this measure, and it is said it has been neglected -

A little attention to our public affairs and the State of our Army will convince any man that the most rigorous exertions are necessary and must be adopted to procure our quotas. I shall not enlarge on this important subject. I beg leave to call your immediate attention to it, and if a moment's delay can be granted, be pleased to consider the following extract of a letter from Genl Washington to his friend Col Harrison, of 12 Instant. "With great truth I can add, that Heaven alone knows upon what principle they (the enemy) act, or why, what means, they are kept quiet - That we are not able to make the least (Hand)