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[Hanson to Council.]

Frederick Town Feb<sup>y</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1776

Sir. By direction of the Committee I transmitted to the last convention, an account of the expenses of conveying and guarding the powder &c sent by order of the Council of Safety to Baltimore which I am told the Convention allowed. The persons employed by the Committee look to them for their money. I am therefore desired to request you will be pleased to send it up by the Bearer W. Elia. Williams. The amount you have belowe exclusive of the wages to the officer of the Guard, whose allowance was left to the Convention which I presume they settled.

I am gentlemen your most H<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> John Hanson J<sup>r</sup>

3 Waggon<sup>s</sup> hired at 4<sup>l</sup> each.  
6 men as a guard @ 32/6

12..00

9..15

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 £21..15..0

Officer of the Guard

Original.

[Neill to Carroll of Carrollton.]

Baltimore 12<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1776.

Sir. Before this no doubt you have heard of ill fate of the schooner Nancy at S<sup>t</sup> Eustatia, I have as yet no letters from my Cap<sup>t</sup> or supercargo I daily expect to hear from them. as soon as I do shall advise you. as to the vessels being taken that account is confirmed different ways which I am sorry for. I have provided a Cargo of flour some time ago expecting the Schooner in and had no doubt of her bringing ammunition which would have got me a permission to have loaded her out on my own acco<sup>t</sup> I have a good deal of money due me from S<sup>t</sup> Croix a Dennish Island near to S<sup>t</sup> Statia, if your honourable Council would give me liberty to send a Schooner I now have here, to that place where I have a number of Correspondence which I know to be true friends to our cause and will go any lenth<sup>s</sup> to sarve us with such things as we may want I would load her with 3 or 4<sup>m</sup> Red Oakstaves some flour and Indian meal and corn and send her immediately to S<sup>t</sup> Croix, where my Cap<sup>t</sup> with the assistance of my friends there, would get all the powder that could be got in that Island and could go over to Statia leave my vessel at S<sup>t</sup> Croix, purchase such goods as I wanted order powder &c if to be got and take it to S<sup>t</sup> Croix in a small craft where it might with great safety be put on board my vessel. the money that is due me there and the Cargo I would send out would I think buy near 2000<sup>l</sup> value