

general sentiment of the people here that Cap^t Squires should c. s. c. not be supplied with provision & I hope he will not be permitted to seize the new england sloop.

I am respectfully Gen^t Y^r mo^t obed^t Serv^t
Balt. Town March 10th 1776. Charles Carroll

[Beall to Council.]

Bladensburgh 10th March 1776.

Gentlemen. on the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant I had ordered my Battalion to rendezvous about half way between this & Queen Ann. But as we yesterday evening & this morning rec^d at this place 51 whole & one broken barrel & twenty kegs of gun powder & twelve muskets, I have altered the place of rendezvous to this town. As by your orders I am to hold my Battalion in readiness to march at a moments warning I shall keep them or such part of them as can be tollerably armed, on duty till I receive your farther orders thereon: I hope by the return of this messenger I shall receive your orders as well with respect to my conduct in keeping the whole or a part of the Battalion on duty, as likewise with respect to the disposition of the powder, as it may not be altogether safe to keep the powder near the navigable waters; If there should not be an immediate call for it, I think Snowdens iron works would be a proper place to lodge it, as it will be nearly convenient to Annapolis Baltimore & this place.

I am Gentⁿ your most Obed^t Hum^l Serv^t
Jos^a Beall.

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

Original.

Baltimore 9 oClock Sunday morn^g

Gentⁿ Our Committee have reced through M^r Carroll your favor of 12 oClock last night, he has wrote our Sentiments. We have just got the Defence & her Prize safe anchor'd at the Point. If you want any assistance from us in men we will fly to your assistance. Pray send the Lead we wrote for.

We are Gen ^t y ^r mo obed ^t Serv ^t	Will ^m Lux
And. Buchanan	J ^r To ^y Chase
Jn ^o Smith	W ^m Buchanan

We are sorry to inform you that 4 out of 5 cannon at M^r Hughes burst & killed poor Matthews. M^r Smith is just ret^d
To the Honble the Council of Safety of M^d