

c. s. c. serious consideration the unprepared state thereof to repel any attack, and therefore thought it necessary to throw up two Breast Works at Fells Point, as well to preserve the town, as to cover the ship defence, who was then without the chief part of her guns; the acco<sup>t</sup> of the expence, as soon as it can be liquidated, will be laid before you, and as the necessity was urgent, we hope you will readily support us. We also undertook to fit out a schooner as a Tender, and to support the operations of Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholsons & have proceeded some lengths in equipping her, and we beg to know from you, whether it is your intention that we shall proceed to finish & compleat her for the service of the province, or whether you would desist from prosecuting the matter any farther. We judge, the purchase of the vessell and her out fit may amount to £2000, and we are of opinion, she will be very useful in scouring the coast from the incursion of the Tenders, as she will mount 10 guns, and carry 70 to 100 men; she is in such forwardness, as to sail immediately on getting her men. One of the brest Works, which was mostly calculated to cover the ship, mounts 6 guns, and the other 10, and they were particularly requested to be done by Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson. Our Fort at Whetstone is ready to mount 8 guns, and we shall use every exertion to expedite it.

We are with due Respect Gen<sup>t</sup>

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Lux dep<sup>y</sup> Ch<sup>n</sup>  
 John Boyd Thomas Harrison  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> Merryman Jun<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Smith  
 Jn<sup>o</sup> Sterett. W<sup>m</sup> Buchanan.

By the Committee of Baltimore County. M<sup>r</sup> Hercules Courtenay as agent for Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Stone has in his possession eleven cannon of the following sizes according to the best information we can get viz. two of twelve Pounds, six of nine pounds and three of four pounds, all of which will be wanted for the defence of Baltimore town, if they are found good. This committee directed carriages to be made to suit these guns & on the late alarm removed & mounted them at Fells Point, where they now remain, ready to be proved by such Person as the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council of Safety may appoint.

15 March 1776.

Will<sup>m</sup> Lux dep<sup>y</sup> ch<sup>n</sup> John Moale  
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[Tilghman to Council.]

Phil<sup>a</sup> 16 Mar. 1776

Gen<sup>t</sup> I Inclose you a resolution of Congress which I am