

[Council to Barrister Carroll.]

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No. 94.

To Charles Carroll Esq<sup>r</sup> (Barrister).

D<sup>r</sup> Sir. We send you inclosed a Letter to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, if you approve, seal it and send it to them. Since Writing we have seen M<sup>r</sup> Lux and have had some Conversation with him about the Committee's detaining the two Vessels belonging to Hugh Young, one intended to bring us Arms and Ammunition, the other Salt. Young tells us that the first has been unloaded & is kept with Intention to sink as a Hulk, and that the other is employed in bringing in Ship Timber for the Frigate now building; no Consent of his, and contrary to the express Order of the Council of Safety of the 20<sup>th</sup> Instant.

We wish to have this affair cleared up to our Satisfaction. M<sup>r</sup> Lux knows Nothing of the Matter. We request you would converse with some of the Committee and let us know how every Thing has been conducted. T. Smyth is going to the Eastern Shore on Friday or Saturday; the Meeting of the adjourned Provincial Court next week, and a day appointed for hearing the Elk Ridge Petition prevents our coming to Baltimore; we wish to have both yourself and Colo. Rumsey—without you there will be no Meeting of the Council of Safety on Monday. Pray send an Express to Rumsey to let him know our Situation. J. Tilghman goes off to the Eastern Shore on Munday or Tuesday.

27<sup>th</sup> March 1776

[Paine to Council.]

To the hon<sup>ble</sup> Convention or Council of Safety of the Colony of Maryland.

Gentlemen. The Congress taking into consideration the urgent importance to the Safety freedom & wealth of the United Colonies, that the manufacture of Salt petre & gun powder should be established in all of them, in addition to their former resolves on that subject, have passed those herewith transmitted & appointed the Committee therein mentioned, in persuance of this trust the committee inclose you the resolves, & being deeply impressed with their importance to our common cause, think themselves in duty bound to urge upon you the immediate & vigorous execution of them the erecting public works as mentioned in the resolves, will be the first step to promote this useful business, if prosecuted with skill & diligence it will ensure the making Salt petre in large quantities & will also afford the best method for suitable per-