

but its quite necessary to keep them within Bounds, because their Zeal will sometimes outstrip their prudence. I intend down the last of the week or beginning of next with the acco^t of the Defence and will then bring the schooners acco^t so far as I am concerned. M^r Hollingsworth has not got any cloverseed, the Flaxseed, Oil & Lead you shall have by the very first conveyance. I am afraid Hackles cant be got, but I will try. I must beg you to send by M^r Chase £800. M^r Alexander has never come down, & I must Pay off all the Ships acco^{ts} before I come down I hear the Convention is adjourned if so I wish to know. We have got 3 of the 18 Pounders come down, 6 more were to set off yesterday. M^r Hughes has drawn on me for the carriage & hopes you will place some Money in my hands for that purpose. I have paid £30 for these 3 & wrote to him to send an order on the Council, as I imagined they would indulge him when they saw him exerting himself M^r Trumbull tells me you have appointed Cap^t Nicolson Agent & Paymaster of the defence, please to let me know, & whether we are to be any further concerned in furnishing any thing on the Ships acco^t as we may close it finally; I wish the acco^t in the Papers of the surrender of Quebec could be true, but it will come presently. I have been hard at it disputing the point of Independency, two to one against me. I wish you Health & Happiness & am,

Hon^{ble} Sir, Your obliged Obed^t Serv^t
Will^m Lux

You must excuse ½ a sheet of Paper these times :
To the Honble Daniel of S^t Tho^s Jenifer Esq^r

[Hindman to Council.]

Original.

Talbot Court House Ap^r 10th 1776.

Gentlⁿ When I was in Annapolis you were kind enough to promise me 50 stand of Arms, if you think it safe shall be much obliged to you to send them over by the Miles River Packet, with the accoutrements necessary for them, I shall be able am in hopes to get 30 or 40 Blankets, hope you will spare me as many as you can, am very anxious to get to my station; Potts or Camp Kettles please to send at same time, Hatts you also promised me, and Cloth if you have any to spare, as many of my people are very bare of Cloathing and begin to grumble about not having their Cloathes; in our present situation it is impossible to keep the Company all together, as many of them cannot get their board nearer than seven or eight miles which makes it impossible for them to meet as regularly as they