

c. s. c. unremitting Zeal, and not fail to assist our Neighbours, if necessary;—and upon the whole, after again repeating our Thanks, permit us to assure you that we are persuaded, when our Transactions come to be fully canvassed, and the true Interest of this Province considered, that you will have no Occasion to blush for our Conduct.

N. B. We have received the surgeon's instruments &c and delivered them safe to Doctor Weisenthal.

22^d Apl. 1776

Original.

[Nicholson to Council.]

Baltimore Ap^l 22^d 1776.

Gentlemen, of the Honourable the Council of Safety of Maryland. I have now to inform you of the armed Schooner Resolution being equiped agreeable to your directions she wants principally the Commissions for her officers, who refuse acting out of the Harbour until their commissions are confirm'd. After which should be glad of your permission to go down the Bay as far as you think proper, in order to exercise our men & Consult with Cap. Boucher. The Schooner has about 40 hands now shipt, but is capable of carrying 70 with great Conveniency. If you think proper to have that number compleat you'll please to let me know The officers that has been acting aboard are William Waud Cap. Henry Auchinlick Lieu^t Bennett Johnson Master, and as far as I can discover are proper persons. M^r Dorsey one of the ships midshipmen I understand has made application for a Lieutenancy of marines, I think him very capable. I am Gentⁿ with much sincerity.

Your obliged Humble Serv^t to Command:

Ja^s Nicholson

Original.

[Young to Council.]

Baltimore 22^d April 1776.

Gentⁿ I have the pleasure of advising you the safe arrival of the Brigⁿ Beith in the W. I. the 3^d Ult^o without any interruption. I sent you by M^r Lux a letter for you from him but have learnt that he forgot it I suppose he has sent it since his return.

I am sorry to advise you the loss of the Brigⁿ Nancy Capt Wise somewhere in the Bay a few days ago, I have not rec^d any letter from him but have it from a Gentⁿ from the Eastern Shore of undoubted authority & believe it to be a fact. it appears from the care Captⁿ Wise has taken that it is merely