

She is still a very fine vessell, now in the most compleat order and it gives me concern to inform you that, the Cap<sup>t</sup> one of the most active fellows in the world, is about leaving her. of this Cap<sup>t</sup> Conway never gave me the most distant hint, till within these few days, as soon as he made known his intentions I expostulated with and endeavor'd to convince him of the impropriety of leaving the service without giving the Council of Safety due notice to provide another Master, but all in vain. He has had a little Vessell built some where in the lower parts of Virginia, she is finished and come up and he is going out in her. However he promises to stay by the vessel and see things carried on, till another master comes on board you'll therefore be pleased to appoint one and send him to take charge as soon as possible. He says he intended to give you notice at Annapolis, but the Council Room was always full & he never could find an opportunity. if you have not a proper person to spare, there is a Brother of Conways, who I believe to be an able seaman & a very industrious spirited man that has offered himself; He being well acquainted, could pick up men in a short time of w<sup>h</sup> the vessel is bare, having but 3 on board.

I am Sir y<sup>r</sup> most  
Ob<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> R. Hooe

If you incline to accept of his brother it will be well to give me orders by next post or he will be engaged.  
To The Honble D S<sup>t</sup> T. Jenifer Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Ewing to Smallwood.]

Original.

Baltimore 10<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1776.

D<sup>r</sup> Sir. With pleasure have I heard of your being much better of your late illness, I hope the bearer M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Baxter, my Lieut<sup>t</sup> will find you thoroughly Recovered, he now waits on you and the convention to get the commissions for our Company with orders for enlisting troops, as I suppose it will be found necessary to advance the Soldiers a months pay or some advance money, you will please procure for him what you think Necessary, and I do here engage to be accountable to you or the convention for any money you give him on acc<sup>t</sup> of our Company. I am in hopes I shall have a very Respectable Company of farmers sons as I am determind I will take very few, if any, out of this Town, if any troops is to be kept in this Town I am in hopes you will indulge me & my Comp<sup>y</sup> with staying here.

I am with due respect,

D<sup>r</sup> Colonel Y<sup>r</sup> most obed<sup>t</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Ewing.

To Col W<sup>m</sup> Smallwood.