

was acting beyond my line of office. It being my duty only to prescribe for the sick, the Medicines ought to have been delivered to me ready for prescription. The Hospital is now filled with sick soldiers which I'm ready to attend, and likewise the train of Artillery or any other troops that may be stationed in this City. I should be sorry that the Battalion should suffer, from my not marching with them, and really, as I'm circumstanc'd at present that is impracticable. No man has the prosperity of our army more at heart, nor is more deeply affect'd with our present distresses or more ardently wishes an honourable reconciliation than

Y^r Honours most obedient & obliged Hble Servant
17th August 1776. R^d Tootell

Original.

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs.

I Rec^d a Letter this Instant Informing that you Never Got the Naills I Sent them Immedety On the Rec^t of your Order the Ware Put on Bord of Mideltons Botes in Care of M^r Grist Quartermaster Who Was to See them Delivered to the Counsell I have Even Made it My Busines to fill all the Orders from you and shall at all Times Wth Pleasure. I have a Skow Redy for you and Want your farther Directions a Bout the Botes. the Soldiers for the flying Camp are To Go On Bord this month I have Been Very Busy Geting Vesells and Neseryes On Bord for them at the Reques^t of the officers as the Told mee you Order^d it I Beleve the Will Pay the Expencc But should Bee Glad of a Line On this mat^{er} if I am to Transact all Such Busines for the Officers

On Mee and I Dont Like to Disoblige them—Pleas to Inquire of Middelttons People for the Naills and Tee and Coffy as I think the all Went to Gether in Care of M^r Grist quarter Master

from your Humble Servan^t

August 17, 1776

Jesse Hollingsworth

Original.

[M^cFadon to Council.]

Baltimore August the 18th 1776

Sirs. Your esteemed favour of the 10th Inst. I received and having duly observed the contents, for answer acquaint you, that I have not been able to manufacture or purchase any quantity of coarse Linnens as yet, owing to the scarcity of Hands to manufacter, and the great demand there is for hunting shirts, trousers &c which has advanced the price of Brown Linnen so that I could not think to purchase on them