

[R. Tyler to Convention.]

Original.

Gentlemen. Conformable to your request I met my Battalion on Friday last when I assisted all in my power to raise the Company wanting to reinforce the American Army at New York, and am very sorry to inform you there was the greatest backwardness that could be in our young men. I also was at the meeting of Colo Sim's Battalion the next day, which behaved with the same lukewarmness. There are several gentlemen recruiting, viz. M^r Levin Covington, M^r Abraham Boyd and M^r Richard Wootton, but am afraid a company will not be made especially as the people will be divided with regard to their commander. I am of opinion that were we ordered by the Convention to meet our Battalions together at Upper Marlborough we should be able to settle all such differences and by that means make out a company. I should be glad you would fix on a day for our meeting it would save us the trouble of meeting on that account Monday next would answer very well. all which I submit to your Honours and am Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t Hble Serv^t
Rob^t Tyler.

Monday 16th Sep^t 1776.

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Original.

Sir.

Baltimore Sept 16th 1776.

I have provided the tobacco and the flour is coming in fast for the schooner Resolution. I bought the tobacco for 22^s/6^d very good Verginia, 20 hhd I can get the best bur flour light casks from 12^s/6 to 13^s/00 as yet and hope it maint rise higher, but the price in Philadelphia is so high that the millers grumble much. I shall get all the superfine I can which I must give 15^s/ for. M^r Doogan tells mee he is to purchase part of the flour for his skooner or the one bought of him. I think it would bee best to let the purchase bee in one hand as it only makes us bid on one another, as to the dispatch which you I spose may think of I can load 6 such vessels in the time that she will bee got redy to receive them. it would not give mee the least concern to have 9 thousand bbls to purchase instead of 9 hundred. I received your orders for to purchase beef and pork which I shall indeavour to doe, but the salt is the hardest part to provide. Beef can bee got, but pork I think will be scarce. I have ingaged the beef and Bbls to hold it. Please gentlemen to let me have the flour commitions as I hope to have the sweet with the sour. from your humble Serv^t

Jesse Hollingsworth.