

the freight be therein specified, no more ought in our opinion C. S. C. to be demanded. We have a duplicate of the Bill of Lading which ascertains the freight at forty six Pounds five shillings in Dollars at 7/6—inlosed you have an order of the late session of Convention, which T. Smyth was to have forwarded, but we are uncertain whether he transmitted it or not.

[Council to Willing, Morris & Co.]

No. 192.

Mess^{rs} Willing & Morris & Comp^y

Gentⁿ

Eight Battalions are to be raised in Maryland by order of Congress, small arms will be much wanted—permit us therefore to remind you of y^r engagement with our State for the supplying of arms and Gunpowder. We hope that it is or soon will be in y^r Power to complete your contract.

25th Sept. 1776

[Council to Secret Committee of Congress.]

No. 193.

To the Honble. Secret Comm^{ee} of Congress

Gentⁿ

Your favor of the 13th we only rec^d the 23^d ins^t the delay was occasioned by y^r letters being delivered to a member of our Board who resides on the Eastern Shore which through hurry of business for some time escaped his memory.

We have ordered our Commisary of Stores at Baltimore Town to deliver one Ton of Powder to Mess^{rs} Lux, Purviance and Stewart, for proving the Cannon intended for the Frigate, & the further quantity that you desire for the use of her shall be supplied when she is ready—should it not in the mean Time be convenient for you to send it from Philadelphia. It is true, that we have a considerable quantity of Powder at Baltimore Town; but we have and are equipping 16 armed Vessels of one sort or other, we in all probability shall have use for all the Powder we have by us, and indeed more.

Upon all occasions we have furnished the Hon^{ble} Congress, & our neighbours with whatever has been requested of us, and we wish the same measure had been dealt out to us; if it had, we should not have been denied 14 p^s of Canvass which we were in the greatest want of to compleat the Sails for some armed vessels that we were fitting out, and for want of it we have been obliged to substitute ozens. Had we christened our own Child first, we could not have let the Congress & our Friends of Virg^a have had 240 p^s Sail Duck, nor yet the Canon, Musq^{ts} &^c that we supply'd for the Hornet and Wasp.

You will be pleased to excuse our reminding your Board of these things for we are exceedingly hurt by its refusing us so