

Guns, as we stand in very great need of them. We have already Belts & Scabbards sufficient and have advertised for persons to make Priming wires and Brushes and expect to get the Ramrods in Annapolis, so that you will not have any thing to do but repair the Guns and fit the Bayonets unless to make swivels to sling the Guns, which must likewise be done.

We enclose you a Letter and order to Henry Hollingsworth for four hundred Bayonets of different sized Sockets, for the Militia arms, if you engage for us in that business you will send them by Express, but if you cannot you will be pleased to return them.

July 12, 1776

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.]

No. 30.

To Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth

Sir. We have received both yours of the 11th and 14th & have dispatched the last vessel you sent down with the Flower to Pocomoke, we are sorry to hear that the Flower on board Mess^{rs} Lux & Bowley's vessell has been so much damaged by their negligence for [which] no doubt they will think it but reasonable to make us a Compensation.

You will receive by Captain Nicholson two hundred and fifty Pounds, out of which you will be pleased to pay for the vessels that carried the Soldiers from Baltimore as also for those you sent down to Annapolis for that purpose. We are pleased with your conduct and are obliged to you for the assistance you have given us. We request you will purchase the Timber, M^r Wells may want for building the two Gondolas and apply the remainder of the Money in payment for the same, what iron you may have occasion for shall be sent you as you want it. While you are employed in the Public Business we really think it unreasonable you should be obliged to attend at Musters, it is our desire therefore that you should be exempt from that attendance and desire you will signify this to your Officers

July 12, 1776

[Council to Ridgely.]

No. 31.

To M^r Charles Ridgely Sen^r

Sir.

The Council of Safety would be glad to see you immediately on the subject of your Letter.

July 12, 1776.