

We are Honble Sir with great respect and Esteem c. s. c.  
Your most obedient humble Servants.

The Honorable Mathew Tilghman Esq. President of the Convention Maryland	}	Ja <sup>s</sup> Lloyd Chamberlaine Thos. Contee Benjamin Rumsey John Hanson jr.
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[J. Pelletier to Council.]

Baltimore Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen.

As I have been oblig'd to take four Hhds. of Tobacco for the Sale of my Druggs, you'd infinitely oblige me to let me put it on board of Capt. Jn<sup>o</sup> Martin of the Brig Friendship, as I cannot get payment in any other way, if you Gentlemen, shou'd not approve of my putting it on board the said Brig, it will be of great loss to me. Should there be any thing that I can be of service to you in, shall do it with great Pleasure. I am

Gentlemen,  
Your obed<sup>t</sup> Hble. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
J. Pelletier

[J. Martin to Council.]

Baltimore Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen.

This my 2<sup>d</sup> opportunity of informing you of my situation I am much Distressed for Sailors the Merchants in this place gives from 12 to 15<sup>£</sup> p<sup>r</sup> month and if I Dont give as much I can git No Sailors. I am told Cap<sup>t</sup> Stone is Going to take the Brig it is a thing that I am unacquainted with and would be glad of an answer to this letter.

The Brig wants a anchor 700<sup>w<sup>t</sup></sup> 1 Cable 10 Inches. She Never had any but the old anchors and cables from Capt. Stones Sloop. I want 200 4<sup>lb</sup> shot 300 3<sup>lb</sup> Ditto and sum Swivel Balls sum cordage for Back stays &<sup>c</sup> I shall advise this morning with Capt Nicholson and ask him if I must keep the Brig till I gitt an answer from your Hon<sup>le</sup> board.

I am  
Gentlemen  
Your H<sup>m</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
John Martin.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1776.

c. s. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on Saturday except M<sup>r</sup> Plater.