

[Council to General Hooper.]

C. S. C.  
No. 17.

Sir. We received yours of the 15<sup>th</sup>, and are truly concerned to hear any disturbance should have happened in your county about salt, we have wrote the Committee of Observation fully on that head, to which we beg leave to refer. We send you an order on the treasurer of the Eastern Shore for the sum of fifty Pounds to be expended in provision for the guard. But we think you keep rather too many to guard the small magazine of Powder at Cambridge. We would have you discharge the greatest part of them as soon as you think it can be done with safety; we hope the fleet that sailed from the Hook on Wednesday last will not come either into the Delaware or Chesapeak Bays; if so all will be quiet we expect this winter.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1776

Brigadier General Hooper.

[Hollingsworth to Council.]

C. S. C.

Head of Elk, 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen.

By Capt. Norris I have sent you a parcell of Armes, as tis now a long time since I have heard from M<sup>r</sup> Winters, I have made so free as to trouble your Honours with them, have sent the Bill Inclosed. I should have been down to Annapolis long since had not the service (which my whole time has lately been spent in) obliged my stay here, but I hope in a few days to be so much at liberty as to have the Honour of waiting on your Honnours, and flatter myselfe of giving satisfaction and also to receive more full instructions relative to the large wall pieces, your Honnours will observe that I have had two of them stocked one I thought fit to riffle, in order that you might forme a Judgment, which would answer your purpos best, the musket barells are such as the last 50 I sent to M<sup>r</sup> Winters which he acknowledges are excellent. the Bayonetts are as good as I can get made, after many chainges and much expence and trouble the finishing of them has been Intirely out of my power, as it would require several Filers and an over Looker to be with them, which I am by no means equal to, as I am not of the Buisinis, and am call'd too much from home. I have had ½ dozen finished by a young man who offers to undertake some and have sent them for your Honnours Inspection among the 200, if they will do sopose I can have some finished am going on as usual with the large & Musket Barells and such Bayonetts as those now Sent and have the Honnour to be,

Your Honnours

Most obed<sup>t</sup> Humb. Serv<sup>t</sup>

H. Hollingsworth.

P. S. The arms are left at M<sup>r</sup> Rook's Store.