

[S. Steward to Council.]

Original.

Gentellmen. December the 9<sup>th</sup> 1776.

I understand you have some ship bread in town, the yard is now without I shall be much oblig'd to you to order 5 or 6 Blls. down by Capt. leanard and the tallow I mentioned to you some time ago.

I am your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Stephen Steward.

N. B. Where am I to git Guns for the Galley.

[J. Carey to Council.]

Original.

Gentlemen.

Schooner Resolution Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1776.

I have the Honour to inform you that I am arrived safe at the Capes, and with a promising fair wind, also the pleasure to inform you that the vessell goes exceedingly better than was immagined, as comming down the Bay I have had an opportunity of trying her on a wind and before it, and in all manners, but going with the wind Quartering, have run the Ninety Two Hull down in less than five Hours, and have several times shortened sail for the Pilot Boat and of which the pilot can assure your Honours of the truth of the above. Your Honours may depend on my doing my utmost endeavours in making the best of my way to Martinique and in every respect fully fullfilling the Orders that you have been pleased to Honour me with. I am and shall ever remain

Your Honours,

Most obedient hum. Serv<sup>t</sup>

John Carey.

P. S. The Pilot is an able serviceable man, and has conducted the vessell in every respect to my entire satisfaction.

[A. Buchanan to Council.]

Original.

Gent.

Baltimore Town Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1776.

I desir'd M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Stewart (who I saw sometime ago in Baltimore) to acquaint you that it was time to send up masters for the Gondalous. Anchors and cables we ought to have immediatly we cannot launch them with out one of them is in my way where I want to raise a ship. Its best to have masters before they are Launch'd as they sometimes want some alterations. Capt. Matthews of Hartford mentioned to me he had some reason to expect one of them. I immagine he will be ready as soon as you please. Your answer will oblig'e, Gent.

Your most hum. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Arch. Buchanan.