

[J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Original.

Baltimore Dec<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Sirs.

Capt. Martin has sail'd at last with a fair wind I wish him a good voyage Capt. Kook has saild this day with his mareens for Elk. I have received £1000 by M<sup>r</sup> Speer & 500 by Capt. Kook. Shall pay all Capt. Martins bill, but his Expençe is greater than I could Emgin, his Bills are coming in still. I am purchasing Pork for the Ship, and all such things as Capt. Kook has directed mee to provide. I intend purchasing the Brig and skooner if to bee got on any terms. But their sales is not come on.

from your Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Jesse Hollingsworth.

P. S. I shall set of for the Camp to morow morning, but the businis will go on.

[J. Tilghman to Council.]

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Annapolis December 17<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen.

When Col<sup>o</sup> Smallwood's Battalion marched into this city his men were greatly distressed for want of Salt and the Quarter Master (M<sup>r</sup> Maubry) hearing that there was some at Doct<sup>r</sup> Stewart's where I then lodged, applied to me for a small quantity to answer the immediate and pressing call, Tho' I had not any authority from M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart who had removed to the country, to dispose of any part of it I could not withhold it, but told the Quarter master to take what he thought might be sufficient not exceeding eight or ten bushells provided he would engage to replace it out of the first he coud spare, which he promised to do, I really do not know the exact quantity he took out as he did not give me any report. Indeed I did not apprehend it at that time at all necessary that he shoud, presuming he would render fair accounts from time to time to your Board and that the quantity would appear from thence, but as nearly as I can recollect he informed me he had about five bushells. As M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart is now in want, and the salt has not been replaced, I shall be much obliged to your Honors for an order for that quantity or what other your Honors may think proper. if it should appear hereafter that he had not so much, the surplus shall be returned.

I have the Honor to be  
Gent.

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> & Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Ja. Tilghman