

C. S. C.

[Deams to Council.]

Baltimore the 21st of December 1776.

To The Honorabell the Councell of Seaftey of Maryland.

Gentelmen. As I have not at present a first Lieutenant in my company I would in the warmest terms recomend M^r John M^cCalec of Baltimore to be by you apointed my first Lieutenant, as I know him to be an actif good oficer and a man who have been exceedingly actif in a millatery company in this Town, and likewis know he has a good deal of intrest so as to enabell him to asist me in reasing the Company. I therefore hope you will indulge me in this request. By complying you will Honorabell Sirs, obllidge,

Your ready servant to comand.

Fretrick Dems.

Original.

[Steward to Council.]

December the 21st 1776.

Gentelmen. Agreabel to your order I have sent an anker to Captain Martin of 517 lbs. I have no anker of 800 weight which was the sise he sent for I have one of 1000 lbs. the anker I now send him is full large enuf for the Brigg. There is but fue Captains that now gos to sea that nose what wait anker suts them without seeing the anker. I detaind the Boat till the anker was stockt as there might be some defekelty in giting it stockt in Anaplois. You are now braking in on the metearls I have provided for your littel navie which I have spared no pains to git and have got almost every kind for them, it dont apear to me that I am like to be rewarded for my trubell. When ever you want, ship, Brigg, schooner or Sloop bought for the use of the State the comition is given to sum bodey that perhaps dont merit the advantag more than myself. Since I have undertaken this business for you I have been ofered a comition from a nabouring State, a comition to buy three ships which would ben to me at lest £150 in my way, the hole reason my not exepcting of this comition was I was employed by the Consell of Safety for the Provence, you have employed three other yards to do your business in. Have any one of them turned you off on singell vessell but myself. I have built, rebuilt, riged, fited and ben at all the trubell for fore fine vessells for you without the assistance of a Captain even provided men and provitions, and have the fifth and sixth vesell allmost redey for you. I intend to Baltimore next tusday to atend M^r Luxes rope walk for cabells and other cordig I shall take a province Boat with me the finest in this Bay to bring down metearls with me, If you have any comands that way I shall call on you on Tusday.