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[Wells to Council.]

Gentlemen

Baltimore December 27<sup>th</sup> 1776.

I take this opportunity of informing you that I have launch'd one of the Row Gallies and that I shall push on the other as fast as possible Please to let me know, how she is to be masted. as I am informed that there is some sheet lead in this Town belonging to you I<sup>d</sup> be obliged to you to send me an order for same, as I want it for Scupers and magazine. Please to send me per Bearer M<sup>r</sup> Barry any further directions or commands you may have for me which shall be punctually observed by,

Gentlemen, Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Humble Servant  
George Wells.

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The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council of Safety for  
the State of Maryland. Annapolis

Gentlemen. Please to send me per Bearer M<sup>r</sup> John Barry the sum of seven hundred Pounds on account of the Row Gallies, and alsoe the amount of the accounts for repairing the old vessells belonging to you, which accts. he carries, and you'll oblige

Your humble Servant,  
George Wells.

C. S. J.

Saturday, December 28. 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Barry for the use of George Wells ninety seven Pounds seven-teen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Green One hundred and forty four Pounds eighteen Shillings and two Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen twenty five Pounds sixteen Shillings and Eight Pence: Also the further Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 72 was sent to the Delegates in Congress, Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 73 to M<sup>r</sup> George Wells, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 74 to Brigadier General Johnson.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to M<sup>r</sup> George Wells as much sheet lead as he may want for the Row Gallies fitting out for the Defence of this State.

That the said Commissary pack up five hundred Pair of Shoes in a chest for the Militia of this State now about to march to reinforce General Washington.

Commissions issued to the following Persons appointed