we are forced to make for our own hospital, as also enough to c. s. c. make two for your servant, which may be returned in kind, when convenient.

Decr 30th 1776

[McHard to Council.] Original.

Caroline County Decr 30th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I have contracted with Mr Potter to buy me all the Pork that is to be had in this County he has ingaged to salt and barrel all that he can get and he thinks it nessaserry to have salt, therefore hope you will order him fifty Bushels, which quantity he thinks he will want. I have likewise ingaged with Mr Jas. Seth to get for me all the Pork in Talbut & Queen Anns County, if he should want a little salt I hope you will order him a little if he should want, I dont no that he will want, for he has contracted to deliver it at Annapolis if possibly he can get it their if he cannot get it their from the badness of the weather it must be salted over here, & barreled & brought to Annapolis in the Spring. Your granting these orders for the salt will much oblidge

Gentlemen, Your hble. Servt

Isaac McHard

N. B. Mr Crysale will se the salt measured & will take a Rec^t from the Scipper for the Quantity.

[W. Lux to Jenifer.] Original.

Dear Sir. Baltimore 30 Decr 1776.

Mr Hopkins waits on your Honble Board agreeable to your own appointment, and I hope will obtain the result of his wishes. He brings a letter from the President of the Congress, and a copy of their resolve in his favor, which with the service he has seen will I hope convince you that he is intitled to a majority.

I have sent an acc^t of Solomon Allen's for 20 Bolts Duck for the Defence, £150, he has applied for payment to us, but as our acco^{ts} were settled we did not chuse to pay it. We did not know the quantity when we rendered our acc^t against the Ship, it was entered by us, but left blank, for want of the voucher, as he had removed out of Town. Pray settle it and send the money by Mr Hopkins as he ought to have been paid long since, I wish you many happy New Years and am dear Sir, Your most obedient Servt Wm Lux.