

c. s. c. earth yeilds salt, the whole Clift must do, & of course the quantity is inexhaustible. Report says that the Clift both North & South of this on the same side of the River are impregnated with Salt. I have not seen any of them except a small Bank at my own Plantation at the mouth of Hunting Creek south from the first discovered Clift which is very Salt & shall as soon as my harvest is secured make some large Experiments on, & if successfull set to work to make what I can. The owner of the Land of the first discovered Clift will come upon no settled fixed plan of proceeding to erect either Public or Private Salteries at, but says after Harvest he will join me in trying further Experiments. The expence attending my working the Shaft, in hire of Negroes Provisions & Cooking for them cost me twenty five shillings currency, which I have paid & if agreeable to you to charge to my Salt Petre acct, please to give me yr order, or otherwise as you may think proper. The time of my engagement with my Labourer at my Salt Petre Manufactory expired a few days ago, and we have not done anything since my Manager has brought in his acct^s & thirty four pounds of good Crude nitre, for which he demanded a quarter of a Dollar, being informed that the May Convention gave him that sum. I have only paid a shilling, with promise of making it agreeable to the orders I am empowered to act by. I shall hire another Labourer soon to go on with the Business & shall continue as long as I can find materials impregnated sufficiently in a few months the quantity of earth & I have in my Shed, will I expect yield 200 lbs. The 34 lb made at the Manufactory $5\frac{1}{2}$ lb. I bought ret^d to the Convention in my acct^t makes $39\frac{1}{2}$ lb in my hands, please to give me orders what I am to do with it.

I am Gentleman, with all due Respect,
Y^r Hble. Serv^t

E. Johnson

Lower Marlbro July 7th, 1776.

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

In Committee Baltimore 7 July 1776.

Gentlemen.

Co^l Ware having informed us that he had drawn a plan of a Fortification to be added to the works at Whetstone Point, we shall be glad to know whether you mean it should be finisht, and if so what further sum of money you will apply to that purpose, and we should be much obliged if you would favor us with the Plan left with you

I am Gentlemen, on behalf of the Committee
Your Most Obed^t Serv^t
Will^m Lux V. Chⁿ