

c. s. c. comon to pay, they will pay. I have complain'd to General Buchanan but hee has not dun any thing in it and it cant be expeted that any won man can manag such a set of toreyes. But if you will order a file of men to asist mee and alow me to destroy thare afects, and moove them to Baltimore town for sail, I will doe it at the resk of my life, as they have all swore they will kill mee if I persist to distres them. I did not take the warent for the profit but to carey the law into exicution. If no on wont soport mee in it I will resine and should have dun it before but was sorey to see a set of toreyes trampel the good law of the country under foot as I am shure there is not a man in this setelment but M^r Bengeman meriman and myself that would doe anything to suport goverment, as they all are glad to heer of hour conquests and will say they knew the English would conker, if you are determined to have thes men destrest I shall be glad to serve you. If not plees to let mee now, that I may resine my warent.

from your humble servant,
Samuel Baxter.

To The Honirabel Council of Saftey

[Christopher Lowndes to Jenifer.]

Sir.

Bladensburg Jan^y 3rd 1777.

I am favour'd with yours of the 2nd Inst, in which you desire to be inform'd if I can furnish eight or ten tons of Cordage and what the price and time of delivery will be. To these three questions I can at present answer to one of them only. it is that I can make the Cordage and perhaps as soon as any one of the fraternity. The price I cannot set at this time, that will depend on the price of hemp, and the time of delivery is uncertain, having little or no hemp by me, and it is seldom ready for sale before the last of March. I mean the crop of 1776.

I have already taken steps for securing twenty thousand weight, but I do not expect it can be engag'd before the time above mentioned. when it comes in I can turn of one thousand or twelve hundred p^r week, perhaps a greater quantity, but I chuse to be moderate as experience has told me unforeseen disappointments are often presenting themselves to our view, I cannot now give you a more conclusive answer to your letter, for I wou'd rather not contract at all than make an agreement that I had not a certainty of complying with. if from what I have said, you think there is any probability of our coming to an agreement, on your favouring me with a line I will act accordingly and not engage for any more than