

c. s. c. named Ross, & who has been described to him, as being lately sub-sherif of this County & Keeper of the Poor House) did come in & seemed to enter into a very friendly conversation with the Prisoners amongst whom this Deponent was sitting: That the said person took up the Bowl of Toddy which he had called for, and drank damnation to General Washington & his army & success to Lord Howe & his army. That this Deponent suspecting the said Person on his coming into the room to be a tory from his deportment towards the Prisoners, he strictly attended to him, & upon his drinking the aforementioned toast he perceived one of the Prisoners whisper him the said Ross, which he conceived to be to inform him who this Deponent was. That immediately after, the said Ross began to alter his tone, and took up the Bowl & drank Damnation to General or Lord Howe. That this Deponent then challenged the said Ross for his conduct & told him he would mark him & accordingly took pains to enquire at several persons who the said person was, & from whom he received the aforementioned account of him:

John Hardman:

Sworn before In Balto. Dec<sup>r</sup> the 23<sup>d</sup> 1776. Ja<sup>s</sup> Calhoun.

[Thos. Smyth to Jenifer.]

Sir.

Chester Town January the 13<sup>th</sup> 1777.

The Bearer hereof John Sturges waites on the Council to acquaint them that he has finished the wooden Bottles which they directed me to contract with him for.

I have purchased about 20.000 lbs. of Pork and believe 5000 & 6000 lbs. of beef which I believe is nearly all that is to be purchased in this Quarter, and am with much respect.

Gent. your most obedt. Serv<sup>t</sup>

Tho<sup>s</sup> Smyth.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> of St. Tho<sup>s</sup> Jenifer Esq<sup>r</sup>

President of the Council of Safety in Annapolis

[John Crockett to Council.]

Gentlemen.

Baltimore January 13<sup>th</sup> 1777.

M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Smith has examined the Ticklenburg, and thinks it will answer for tents, and I now want your order to deliver it, and should be glad how soon you could have it taken away. Before your favour of 7<sup>th</sup> Inst. came to hand, with the concurrence of the others concerned in the Peggy here, I had dispatched a person to Capt Hond with orders for him to have the powder and every thing else saved, brought