

August 8

[Inclosure]

Invoice of Cannon &^{ca} forwarded for the use of the State
of Maryland

Philad^a Aug^t 8. 1781.

2 p ^s Brass Cannon 4 pds with Carriages, Limbers & Ammunition Boxes complete.		
2 Trail Spikes	}	p Jn ^o Bryan David Davis Jn ^o Fulton Henry Magill Teamsters
2 Rammers & Spunges 4 pds.		
2 Ladles d ^o		
2 Wadhooks d ^o		
84 Round Shot fix'd d ^o		
24 Cannister d ^o d ^o d ^o		
495 Muskets & Bayonets		
495 Cart. Boxes		

August 9 [Rich^d Barnes, Leo^d Town, to His Excellency Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r]

M^r James Thomas an Officer in the Militia of the Co^{ty} that has behaved himself in that station very well, was taken by the Enemy's Barges going to the head of the Bay and carried to the Enemy at Portsmouth. His Father M^r W^m Thomas is very desirous of supplying him with some money, which he is much in want of, and has applyed to me, to request your kind assistance to give him such liberty as will enable him to do it. Which I shuld be obliged to you to do, as the young Gentlemans Father, and Family have conducted themselves as Friends to our cause.

August 9 [James Murray, Tho^s Jones, Robert Ewing, Cambridge, to the
Governor and Council]

This will be handed you by Cap^t Matthias Travers who has the Command of a Barge built by some Gentlemen of our County at their own private Expence, he waits upon your Excellency & Honors for a proper Commission to authorize her to cruize against the Enemy or any others who might be legally captured. Least the Publick should be induced to think the Promoters of this Barge have acted from sinister motives, and to serve their own Ends by Captures & Reprizals, we can assure your Excell^y & Honors we have no such design. Equally indifferent to Censure or Applause, we have steered that Course where the Non nobis—but Pro Patria, calls.

Whatever is made by the Barge (if they should be so fortunate as to get any thing) we have agreed should be shared amongst those brave Fellows who are venturing to revenge the many Injuries their Fathers, Brothers or other relatives have lately suffered.

We are convinc'd that the laudable Motive of endeavouring to bring to condign Punishment the Perpetrators of the many late villainous and horrid Barbarities weighs more in the Breasts of these