

[Rich^d Barnes, Leo^d Town, to His Excellency Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r] August 30

This will be delivered you by M^r W^m Belwood an Officer in the Militia who with a party of Men, have retakin a Vessel from the Enemy, with two white men on board, and a Negroe Boy of M^r John Henrys, that says he was takin a few days before by the Enemy. I have sent them to you by M^r Belwood, who is impowered to dispose of the Vessel &c. for the benefit of the men, that took her, agreeable to Law, for which purpose I shall be obliged to you to advise him the proper steps to be takin.

[C. M. Croxall, Balt. to Jeremiah Chase, Esq. Annapolis] (Fav^d by August 30
Maj Sterrat)

Be assured M^r Chase my not having it in my immediate power to transmit you the gold or Silver has and still continues to give me more real uneasyness than any transaction of my life and could I have had the most distant Idea of being so disappointed in payments should have sufferd any thing before I would have asked the favour or run the risque of sacraficing your good opinion, by not punctually adhering to my promise, which I now assure you does not proceed for princaple, A few days I hope will put it in my power to make a payment and give ample Satisfaction.

Coll Smith informs me he intends looking into your proposition respecting the Salt mentioned, the nature of the passports &c.

M^r Bowley & myself has some inclination to take half the quantity allow'd by Congress to this State, will you be pleased to write me, with a Copy of the passports, and at the same time let me know if the Council will grant me a permit to go into New York on private business with M^r Robert Alexander the nature of the business I now inclose you, if they will give leave be pleased to send the permission by this conveyance, as on Sunday I am obliged to go for Phil^a w^{ch} is in my way to New York, or at any rate secure me one half as all the property I have I can turn into flower & other articles w^{ch} In that case will demand the Cash & be of great service to me in my first setting out in life.

I think I can serve my Country & self too in this affair

[C. M. Croxall, Baltimore, to the Council.] (fav^d by Maj. Sterret) August 30

I take the Liberty of beging leave to pay M^r R. Alexander who is in New York a visit on business respecting moneys advanced to my Brother Captives while a prisoner of War at that place with me on my Acc^t and by my desire; and who now refuse me a repayment, for want of their obligation & letters addressed him, which is now in his possession, which sums I was obliged to repay him on my exchange last fall.