

In Council Annapolis 31st Oct^r 1770.

Sir^s No. 329. Mr Hoofman waited on us with your Letter and several Papers respecting the Sloop Friendship. We cannot with Propriety, in any Manner attempt to influence, as to the Vessels being permitted to go on Security. The Judge will make any interlocutory Order which ought to be made, nor can we, if we were ever so much inclined, remit the Forfeiture, if, as we suppose the Officers who seized is a Party in the Libel and interested in the Event

We are Sirs &c

Luther Martin Esq^r }
Attorney General }

In Council Annapolis 5th Nov^r 1770.

Sir^s

330. We would not have you vendue the Chain, til the Act against Vendues expires, which will be with the End of the present Session of Assembly. If, in the mean Time you should have an Opportunity of selling any Part of it at private Sale, for the selling Price, or nearly the selling Price of Bar Iron at Baltimore, we wish you to sell at private Sales. We are sorry you did not mention to us the Article of Wood before; it is certainly prudent to lay in soon as much as will serve well into March, we suppose about 150 Loads will do, til that Time or, if the Winter is moderate, longer. Your Wood lying so near the Port, will make it more convenient to the Public and yourself, to contract for 150 Loads with you at once; we are willing to give you £5.10. a Load for that Quantity to be delivered at the Port at such Times as best suit you, so that the Supply is kept up. It appears to us that three Feet a Week for six Men, is not extravagant moderate or very cold Weather will make a Difference which we wish should be attended to; we wish to avoid Waste and are equally desirous the Men should be kept comfortable: there must necessarily be some Latitude given to the Officers who are on the Spot and we hope for their Care and Discretion. We much approve your Removal of the Hospital and the good Effect it has had ought to silence all Objections; we would have the Sick continued at the Point, unless Circumstances should hereafter make it prudent to remove them. It is for the Sake of the Sick only, that we employ a Doctor, Quartermaster or Nurse: the Doctor must attend his Duty, or we must get another.

Lieut Saddle is much more conveniently situated than Mr Gorrack and therefore we have appointed him. We don't imagine any Pay will be expected for a Nurse in Town, when there are no Sick there; the Woman you have employed and who has done real public Service, ought to be paid by the Public.

Maj^r Nath^l Smith }
Baltimore }

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