

Sir.

We approve of your conduct in providing Houses, bedding, fuel and utensils for your Company and inclose an order on the Treasury of the Eastern Shore in your favour for £ 150 to discharge the expenses you have incurred in those matters and subsisting your receipts. If that is not sufficient you shall be provided with a further sum. We are not yet supplied with arms and therefore cannot now furnish you, but will as soon as we are able. By the inclosed you will observe your Company is to be stationed at Princeps' Arms agreeable to the recommendation of the Committee of observation of your County for which we thank them.

To Capt Chewby.

Annapolis Saturday 12<sup>o</sup> clock at night.

Dear Sir.

Half past three o'clock this afternoon the other with the tender here in sight; Half past five a flag was sent with a letter to the Governor a copy of which with his answer you have inclosed. He informed you last night that very little provision would fall to their share, this we curbium. We are well prepared to repel any attempt they may make to land. You will now have no occasion for Strickers Company, therefore if you have ordered him to Baltimore Town countermand it. The President and Mr Filgeman conferred with two officers that attended the flag. They confessed one of their business was in great danger of being taken but that Capt Squires bore away to prevent great effusion of blood. But we conceive that he will linger about until he is reinforced. We perceived a small vessel making down the bay not certainly with intelligence to the King Fisher who the flag said might be expected to relieve the other, therefore you will be pleased to provide against the worst. We cannot sufficiently commend those brave sons of liberty who this day stood forth so gallantly in defence of their country. We assured that we shall afford them every assistance in our power and are

To C. Carroll Esq.

of Balt Town Committee.

Yours affectionately  
for order.

In Council of Safety.

Annapolis March 10<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Sir.

Your Excellency will be pleased to inform Capt Squires, that the time has been, when we should have thought it an honour and would with pleasure have supplied any of His Majesty's ships with provisions; and are still, not destitute of hope, at some may yet come when we may enjoy that satisfaction.

We have always considered Capt Squires as a man of humanity and a gentleman and as such cannot account for the burning of a vessel in full view of the people of this City, as if meant to add insult to misfortunes already too severely felt by the people of this Province, who were always attached to His Majesty and his family and who cannot be reprobated for defending themselves against any invasion of their native and chartered rights. We are willing to believe and shall be glad of being confirmed therein, that this step was not in consequence of any order from him.

We are much obliged to your Excellency for the pains you have taken to preserve the peace of this Province and beg that you will still exert your endeavours for the restoration of our happy days that we enjoyed under a constitutional dependence