

Gent.

We have received your favor of the 4th inst and read the 400^l. We think it proper that an account of the disbursements should be rendered to the Council of Safety and not to the next Convention as you apprehend and therefore request you'll furnish us with it as soon as you can make it convenient.

To Hartford Committee.

And are &c.

Annapolis March 13th 1776.

Gent.

Inclosed you have a narrative which will fully inform you of the transactions of the other block of War and her Tudees, which have lately paid us a short visit: they are much chagrined, we believe, at loosing a large vessel belonging to Mr Hudson, that was loaded with provision by order of the Congress, and had been made a prize of. but a day or two later and at their disappointment in accomplishing their design of taking the Ship Defence, which by all accounts they made sure of effecting and was their grand object. Just before they weighed anchor, a Flag came on shore with some prisoners, who said they had been treated with great humanity and in return it was thought proper to compliment the officer with two quarters of beef. As soon as they can get a reinforcement, which we imagine they have gone after, we expect to have another and more important visit and are making the best preparations in our power to receive them.

To Council of Safety of Virginia.

And are &c.

In Council of Safety.

Annapolis March 14th 1776.

Mr Daniel Bowley.

Sir.

We have given the bearer hereof Mr William Houston an order on Capt Falbot for 2000 powder and all the small arms with the accoutrements thereto belonging that have been imputed for this province in the Brig Wild Duck which we desire you will have complied with. Any assistance that Mr Houston may want you'll please to give him. in a few days you will have our full directions respecting the other goods imputed for the province in the said Brig. In the mean time we would have you purchase for acct of the Province all the private adventures of powder imputed in the said vessel at such prices as our Delegates in Congress may advise whom we desire you will consult thereon and send the same to Baltimore Town in the safest and most expeditious manner you can.

Yours &c.

Sir.

The spirited and prudent conduct which you manifested in repelling the late hostile attack on the persons and properties of your fellow citizens and defeating the designs and attempts of our invaders, give us real satisfaction and intitle you to our thanks. We therefore with pleasure return them to you and desire you will also communicate them to the volunteers that accompanied you and the officers and men under your command, as acknowledgements are likewise due to their gallantry.

In Council of Safety

We are Sir, Yr most obedt Servts

Annapolis March 15th 1776.

To Capt. James Nicholson, Commander of the Ship Defence.

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