

are gentlemen in that Company more deserving preferment we should be glad you would mention them to us

We are yr. Mo: obedt Servts.

To Col G. Maudslow.

Sir. The Council of Safety desire you will be as expeditious as you possibly can in supplying the Muskets which you engaged to make for the Province and inform us whether you have any now completed, as we are in very great want of them & will send for them as soon as you have a number ready.

To Mr John Yount.

We are yr. Mo: obedt Servts.

In Council of Safety Annapolis March 26<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Part: We are not as yet fully determined as to the Schooner of Mr Lusk fitted out for a Tender; we would wish her to be in such a situation, as to act in case of Danger upon short notice, but we would not have men enlisted or provisions purchased for her, till further orders from this Board, or the Convention. We are informed from direct persons of credit, and amongst others from Capt Nicholson himself that she is a dull Sailer; if so and we can get a better, we must remove the guns & on board the Tender hereafter to be purchased and make the best of the Schooner. We would not have her go any distance, if she is likely to be instrumental in losing us a number of brave men and all her stores. We have sent an Express with orders to Capt Bungey to try Hays 18 Pounders, and request you will order Bullets to be cast as soon as you know the proper size.

We are Gent: yr Mo: obedt Servts.

To Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Sir. We cannot oppose the preferment of a gentleman who has manifested a laudable zeal for his Country and therefore accept of your resignation. This we do with the less reluctance as your station may still afford you an opportunity of giving assistance to our Province. We thank you for the services you have rendered us and wish you success in the Command of the Potomack fleet.

We are yr. Mo: obedt Servts.

To St John Tho Barber.

Sir. We recd your enclosed a letter to the Committee of Observation for Balt Town, if you approve, seal it and send it to them. Since writing we have seen Mr Lusk and have had some conversation with him about the Committee's detaining the two vessels belonging to Hugh Young, one intended to bring in arms and ammunition, the other salt. Young tells us that the first has been unloaded and is kept with intention to sink as a hulk, and that the other is employed in bringing in ship timber for the frigate now building; no consent of his; no consent of his and contrary to the express order of the Council of Safety of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant.

We wish to have this affair cleared up to our satisfaction. Mr Lusk knows nothing of the matter. We request you would converse with some of the Committee and let us know how every thing has been conducted. F Smith is going to the Eastern shore on Friday or Saturday - the meeting of the adjourned provincial Court next week and a day appointed for hearing the Elkin's petition, prevents our coming to Baltimore, we wish to have both yourself and Colo Rumsey, without you there will be no meeting of the Council of Safety on Monday. Pray send an express to Rumsey to let him know our situation. J Tilghman goes off to the Eastern shore on Monday or Tuesday.