

to complete your contracts;

To Willings, Morris & Co.

We are &c

Gentlemen,

An G. S.

Annapolis Sept. 25th 1776;

Your favour of the 13th we only rec^d: the 23rd Inst^{ly}, the delay in as^{er} mentioned by your letter being delivered to a member of our Board, who resided in the East^{ly} Shore who in a hurry of business for some time, escaped his memory.

We have ordered our commiss^{ary} of Stores at Baltimore, Town, to deliver one Ton, six hundred, to Messrs. Purvance and Stewart for proving the Cannon intended for the Flag^{ship}, and the further quantity that you desire for these affairs shall be supplied, when she is ready, should it not in the mean time be convenient for you to send it from Philadelphia. It is true, that we have a considerable quantity of powder at Baltimore, Town, but we have and are equipping to armed vessels of one sort or another we in all probability shall have need for all the powder we have by us, and indeed more, upon all occasions we have furnished the Continental Congress, and our neighbours with whatever has been requested of us and we wish the same measure had been dealt out with us, if it had we should not have been denied 14 pieces of canvas which we were in the greatest want of to complete the sails for some armed vessels that we were fitting out and for want of it we have been obliged to substitute ozen. Had we Christianized our own child first, we could not have let the Congress and our friend of Virg^{ia} have had 240 p^{cs} of safe Duck, nor yet the cannon, muskets &c that we supplied for the Hornet and the Asp; You will be pleased to excuse our reminding your Board of these things for we are exceedingly hurt by its refusing us so trifling a quantity of canvas than 2000 Bolts were imported to Phil^a by Congress in one vessel.

Ia. and on behalf of the Council

I have the honor to be

Gent^l your most Obed^t Serv^t

To The Hon^{ble} the Ser^{ts} Committee of Congress.

Sept. 27th 1776;

We are told by Mr. Stephen Stewart that you heretofore have been engaged to furnish him with cordage for our armed vessels by this time, but that you have not got any ready for him, we are in very great want of that article, and desire to be immediately informed when you can supply him, that if it cannot be done within a reasonable time at your yard, we may endeavor to provide if some where else - disappointment of this nature or of a similar nature ought to be avoided as the consequences may prove very injurious;

Messrs. Lewis & Rowley;

Yrs,

28th Sept^r 1776.

We do not address this letter to Col^l Barnes because we expect he will be at the Convention; we request you would assist Mr. Madleton in getting a mine sprung on board his Boat, and also in getting up a small