

apply to Mr. Hollingsworth, to whom we have reference to view her. As to the Commission business we are not at liberty to throw into your hands - Many Purchasers would hurt the Service as they would raise upon and another & we should lose more by the advanced price than we should gain by the power of the reported Commission.

Mr James Clarke.

We are &c

Sir

November 5th 1776

You must fit out your vessel ready to take in her Cargo with all the expedition in your power without lengthening her for this Voyage. Your being expeditious about this business as well as in your diligence and care of your Cargo will be considered by the Council and a Compensation will be made to you.

Capt. J. Martin.

We are Sir &c

Sir

Annapolis Nov. 5th 1776

Your favour of the 31st ult. we this moment read. The Commission you sent Capt. Smith was made out long ago and delivered to Mr Fisher Duplicates we enclosed began last Monday and answer making out Triplicates for W. Smith who will not trust to your having received them. Letters from the Convention he must have received ere this. Our Conventions are still busy about its place of Government. When it will rise God only knows.

B Ramsey Esquire

We are Gentlemen &c

Sir

November 6th 1776

We are well satisfied that Mr. Gibbens is worthy the trust to which you have recommended him therefore we have appointed him Capt. of the Friendship being confident that you would not recommend any man who has not warm in the cause of America. Pray push out all the vessels under your care as fast as possible. The sooner they get out of the capes the less danger there will be as we expect two men of War will take their Station there.

We are &c

P. S. Send up one Hundred Barrels of Beef as soon as you can and buy up 500 Bushels salt lately came in -

John Hollingsworth Esquire.

Sir

November 6th 1776

We desire that you will inform us in what readiness she is when she will be ready to sail. She must be pushed out as soon as possible. If there is not a Captain for her, we wish a diligent man would be recommended to us who is a staunch friend to America.

We are, Sir Yours &c

J. Col. Dugard.

Sir

November 9th 1776

As you will send the Stock you mentioned according to the Samples furnished us the Annapolis we will pay to you one Dollar per pair. As to your Firelocks if you will part with them on the terms we have contracted with they you may send them. We shall want every kind of Linen Thread manufactured and will give money adequate to the demand for them.

We are Sir &c