

Annapolis Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1776

Gentlemen

We have sent by King two bundles of Blank Commissions which you will be pleased to make use of or return to Congress as circumstances may require

Whether you are to proceed to Camp or return to Maryland depends upon the pleasure of Congress, It is our wish & hope that they will relax in some measure from the resolution communicated to our convention and that you will receive from Congress the necessary credentials for the completion of your commission which have already been delayed too long the public service requiring on this occasion the greatest union & utmost despatch. We wish you health & success in the business you have undertaken & are

The Comm<sup>rs</sup> go to CampGent<sup>rs</sup> 4<sup>o</sup>Nov<sup>r</sup> 12. 1776

Sir Upon enquiry of Mr Stephen Stewart about water casks for the use of the armed vessels of this State, we are informed by him that he had purchased thirty two hundred weight of Iron hoops for that purpose which hoops you had intercepted & now detain from him & he is thereby prevented from forwarding that necessary piece of kindness This procedure of yours appears to us to be very extraordinary & a little out of the common road. We are therefore only to request that you deliver the hoops immediately to Mr Stewart or his order that the vessel which he is fitting out may not any longer be detained

Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Purviance JunNov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1776

Sir I enclosed you have copy of the order of convention appropriating ten thousand pounds of this money in your hands for change to public uses. We request you would send it over by the bearer as also about three thousand pounds more to be used here especially for changing the old emissions of money for exchange being nearly expended

We are y<sup>r</sup> obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> by orderTo Wm Hindman Esq<sup>r</sup> Treasurer & Store.

Sir. We requested the favour of you when you go up to Philadelphia to enquire diligently after paper for the new emission of money and forward it with all convenient speed.

Should you want cash apply to our delegates in Congress and they will furnish you. We are

Mr William Wilkins. 13. Nov. 1776

Your Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>