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We are Sir your most obedient servant &c

To Brigadier General - by order.

18th November 1776

Sir, There are no durants in the stores so that we cannot furnish you with materials as yet for a caathed. We send you two Bolts of Smammers - The Guns and colours on board of the defence Brig you will please bring with you to Annapolis. and we should be very glad you and Joseph Hollingsworth could contrive us down ~~by~~ the Cannon lately brought from Hughes works. Be pleased to have a vessel for that purpose, unless your own can bring them. They are upwards of 28 pounders which will be wanted here. Mr. Wasters has been there and got four yards and a quarter of Tamboy and two Bolts of Nabiss.

To Stephen Howard Esquire.

We are Sir &c

Gentlemen.

Nov. 18th 1776

We received yours of the 15th ins. and would gladly have sent you a company or two of Regulars to assist in supporting the rights of your Country and Carolina if we had them to spare, there are no troops here now but two companies of Matthews which are necessary to mount guard and do duty in Annapolis. Should the Fleet that have sailed from Sandy Hook have come into this Bay we shall be obliged to call in the militia to assist us. We think it best to wait a short time before any thing further is done about the Salt. When Brigadier General Chamberlain returns we will give instructions to him to assist in bringing the Mutineers to justice. They have some hold pieces in Talbot which may be of use. but in any thing of this kind ought to be kept to yourselves. We are greatly concerned to hear of the mutinous spirit of some of your people and wish it was in our power to gratify those who are peaceably disposed, by sending a quantity of Salt there is none here to be had that we know of, the people in general on the Western Shore want Salt but can get no supplies; we had orders from the Convention to purchase a considerable quantity of Beef and Pork for the Troops and cannot proceed for the want of Salt. The vessels which went up Baymouth the Captain Martin were private adventurers from Supetake and sold their salt at Baltimore to individuals at a very high price. Should we receive any soon you may depend we shall not forget your application and should think ourselves happy in appeasing the minds of the people by furnishing them with that much needed article. Perhaps some may be imported but this is very uncertain. We all must expect to suffer in the great struggle for Independence. We send Captain Murray an order on the Treasury of the Co. Shore for 42 £ to be applied towards defraying the expence of taking a number of the Inhabitants in your country. Since printing our hand bills which no doubt you have before this time received Congress have sent down