

War relative to the Antient &c. Indians. be pleased to make enquiry and let us hear from you. Let us have also a list schedule of the effects in the Hands of Major Tallon taken with W<sup>h</sup>leyland and others to whom they belong or by whom claimed.

Brigadier General Hooper.

We are, Sir, &c.

Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 1776

Sir, In pursuance of your favour of the 1<sup>st</sup> we had ordered on board of Mr. Middleton's Boat 250 Bush<sup>ls</sup> Salt to be delivered to you at Chester Town (for the purpose) of curing Beef & Pork. We must give market prices for both though we hope Beef at 30<sup>s</sup> & Pork at 35<sup>s</sup> may be had. We think we made some promise to Mr. Bemley about purchasing about Beef in Queen Anne's County - be pleased to write to him to know if he has or can engage any if he should & apply to you for salt - let him have some & we will send more to you. We wish it was in our power to believe that the distresses of the people arose from the want of this much necessary article. Our agents at Martinique & St. Lucia advise us that they will do every thing in their Power towards furnishing them with it. The Pion Galley must stand as she is for some time longer. Mr. Caussey is down on our list of preference and shall be glad to serve him.

Thomas Smyth Esquire.

We are, Sir, your most Obedt. Servt.

Gentlemen, Cap<sup>t</sup>. Sturival inform us that some preparation have been made at Whitstone point for erecting a magazine for securing Ammunition that may be immediately wanted in case of an attack - we take it for granted that something of that sort is necessary and that the fortifications cannot be considered as completed without such magazine - you will therefore take care to have it finished as soon as can conveniently before the cold weather comes on to prevent masons from working.

{ Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1776

We are, Sir,

To Commissioners of observation.

Your most obedient Servt.

December 5<sup>th</sup> 1776

Sir, We request the favour of you to bid for the Brigg that was taken by Cap<sup>t</sup>. Cookes and bring her for the State at all events and purchase the rum or any other part of the Effects considering that they may be useful to the Publick and are to be had at a moderate price. Should you not care to act be pleased to get some other person to bid. If the Snow Georgiana or any other of the vessels are to be had upon terms you think reasonable be so good as to buy them for us.

Mr. Joshua Hollingsworth Esquire.

We are, Sir, &c.

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1776

Gentlemen, We would send you the commissions you request but there has been some change we apprehend in the Battalion and some officers are promoted - there may have deaths or resignations,