

will not be got till late, if at all. Stephen Stewart has promised us an order on his broker in Martinique which we will send you as soon as we can get it from him. You have heard me doubt of the arrival of the ship Defence, she has taken five pirates none of any great value (one has been retaken and taken again by Capt. Campbell. Some of the last vessels we will purchase for the province and shall send out as soon as possible).

We have heretofore wrote the board of War about the Indians Mr. Chase mentioned but on reiterating the request by him; we have wrote General Hooper and desired him to make a particular inquiry, there are none detained in the province, but shall write more fully when we hear from Brigadier Hooper, who is near the spot and must know the situation; We received the letter wrote us by Mr. Nathan Tigelman and are obliged to him for the Intelligence the prospect is not very agreeable but we hope Cornwallis will be repulsed surely 6 or 7000 men will now be able to penetrate through the Jerseys to Philadelphia. - We cannot as yet believe it.

We are with respect Sir &c

To Delegates in Congress.

Your most ob. Se. &c.

December 7th 1776

Sir, We are not yet determined whether we shall load the vessel Friendships at Baltimore or in the Potomack: but we believe that the latter will be the place therefore be pleased to give directions to whom your 9 packages of Goods are to be delivered

Mr. Russell

We are Sir your ob. Ser. &c.

December 7th 1776

Sir, We have sent by the Godfrey Rodwell £27. 7. 4 which will make up the rations of one day. The money which you want for bounty shall be paid to you or your order.

Captain Reams.

We are, Sir, &c

With respects, &c.

December 7th 1776

Gentlemen, We have heretofore requested you to summon Vincent Trapland to appear before the Council of Safety to answer for his misconduct. We have since seen Mr. Bosley and Mr. Smith and also the deposition of John Wilmott we are satisfied that Trapland is a dangerous man, and therefore request you would take the necessary measure to have him arrested and send down here under a good strong guard. We think it most prudent to have this step taken when there is no danger of any insurrection arising up of the people in his neighbourhood.

We are, Sir, &c

Commissioners of ob. for Baltimore County and the parts adjacent thereto

December 10th 1776

Sir, We have received two Letters about the ^{cell} you do as you are building