

inform you that the Council of safety have chosen you a member of safety that Board, which being thin, your attendance is the more necessary. We are very certain that the want of salt creates much uneasiness every day proves most more the melancholy truth, therefore it is undoubtedly incumbent upon every person having more of that article than will answer his immediate wants to spare to those who are distressed, we know of no vessel lately arrived with a quantity of salt belonging to the public, but if there had you must be sensible that much more would be required by us to comply with the order of the late convention. We have certain advice that seven thousand Bushels of salt have been imported into Baltimore in the course of last week, it would therefore be well for some who can do it, to send a vessel or two which we apprehend may be got with convenience to that port & bring down a parcel to satisfy the present pressing calls of the people

To G. James Loyd Chamberlaine

We are, Sir, &c.

Sir, Captain Seaman informs us you have a large quantity of coarse woollens fit for Soldiers. If so and it is not too high priced as we have bought such from two to four pounds we will take them of you. Should the price and quality be as above described you will let Capt. Seaman have enough of them for his company and send us some samples of the same.

To B. Sullivan Esquire.

We are, Sir, with respects yours &c.

In Council of Safety Jan^{ry} 5th 1777

Sir, Mr. Stewart is of opinion that the Cable made by Messrs. Gay and Bowley for one of our Gallies is much too large for Captain Hammonds Vessel and that the Brig's Stern Cable would suit the Demifer better; should this be the case apply to the Honourable Board of War and if it is of opinion we shall be obliged by the exchange as the Galley in Mr. Stewart's yard is nearly ready.

We are Sir

To Jesse Holingsworth Esquire.

with respects &c.

Sir, your Tacklingburg we will take provided it is suitable for tents, as you say, but we wish you had sent us a sample of it. We rejoice to find such a reasonable supply of the necessary articles of salt is thrown into your port. Capt. Nathan Smith will look at the Tacklingburg and if he thinks it will do for the purpose of tents, you will inform us thereof.

January 1777. To John Crockett.

We are Sir &c.

January 7th 1777

Sir, We have before us a petition of the Sergeants and