

Corporals and private Men of your Company relative to their Pay, Rations &c. The former it is not in our power to alter, but you may answer them that you will lay it before the Assembly at their meeting and doubt not that their Request in that particular will be gratified; as to the rations we beg you will enquire into that and have it restified and if the Victualler fails at his post. Vinegar and Indian meal are articles which we conceive may be easily supplied and which they complain of wanting. Molasses indeed they may find some difficulty in procuring and therefore if not to be had, ought to be made up with something else. We beg the favour of you to examine some Sickleburg offered to us by Messrs Vambibber and Crockett and inform us if you think it will do for tents, if it will we agree to take.

To Nathaniel Smith Esquire

We are Sir, yours &c.

January 8th 1777

Sir. We shall be obliged by your pushing forward the Cordage Manufactory as fast as you possibly can, and you may depend upon every necessary assistance that you may stand in need of from our Board.

To Captain Lounds.

We, are, yours, &c.

January 9th 1777

Sir, We have the pleasure of your favour of the 7th and are sorry to find so many of your Men have left you, the only to replace them is to open a Rendezvous and offer them the same Pay and Terms in every Respect, that the Continent does, we cannot expect to get them on lower, of this Proposition of yours we approve and would further submit to your consideration, if it would not be well to send your Tender to the mouth of the Potomac or any other place you may think better, and there open a Rendezvous you may by this steps forward the Enlistment. We send you a Time of Entry from Mr. Turnbull for your Government. You will, we doubt not expedite the defence all in your power. Delay is dangerous, and much may depend upon her hastily getting to sea. Be pleased to apply to Mr. Chase and show him our letter, he will do what is necessary relative to the Snow George.

To Capt Cooke

We are Sir yours &c.

January 9th 1776

Sir, We have been informed that in consequence of the applications of Congress to Mr. Comatter of your county the militia if it had been held in readiness to march and as it may be you may wait for the orders of General Chamberlain we are informed you thus that he has resigned his commission, and General Russell without delay to act in conformity to what has or may be required of you.