

Goldsborough I expect will set off in a few days and I hope he will soon be followed by the Carolina Company. I set out to day on my way to camp.

To The Honorable

The Council of Safety
of Maryland.

I am in the most respectful manner,
Your most Obedt Servt.
Wm Richardson
Baltimore Sept 1st 1776.

Gentlemen,

The bearer Mr Morris waits on you with an application to have Mr Middleton's privateer stop'd and examined for 4 deserters from the Frigate. Circumstances are very strong that they are or will be on board her, for the particulars of which refer to him, this I hope you will think necessary, for should there not be an example made of these, if to be found, 30 odd likewise from the Eastern Shore I expect will be here in the same manner.

I have sent the craft from this to wait your orders to get a load of loads. The first two went before I expected or should have wrote by them, and the last was out of the way. The Revolution returned there yesterday, the officers & crew by your direction. The Defense has required so much caulking that I do not expect she can be down before the last of the week. I am fitting and victualing her sufficient to go to sea should you think proper to order her. I have found great difficulties in getting her about two months past provisions and as I did not see your order in Philadelphia for that purpose for the reason refer to Messrs Chase & Packer) you'll please to send by Mr Turnbull £ 500. one month's pay, which shall apply to pay the ship's necessary disbursements.

To The Honorable

The Council of Safety of Maryland.

I am Gent Your most Obedt & Most Obedt.

James Nickerson

Head of Elk 1st Sept 1776.

Gentlemen: Some time since, I wrote you how necessary it would be, to have cashed lodges in in the County in some person's hands that I could occasionally call on, the service required it. As I have heard nothing since from your Honors, it induces me to suppose that in the multiplicity of your business I have been forgot. Your Honors are too well acquainted with the nature of this business, to think of it being done without money, and much perplexity and trouble. I have laid out about two hundred pounds for Beef, Bread, Waggon, and have asaid for how much more I can't say, as the acct from Wilmington and Chester have not come in yet, though doubtless they want of cash, as they have only my word for all they have done in forwarding the Maryland troops. 'tis impossible for me to finish the acct with all the necessary probets, till the troops are gone forward as the forwarding them takes up my whole time, to see them delayed here would give me as much uneasiness as it would your Honors to hear of it. Necessity therefore now impoulses me to draw on your Honors for one hundred and fifty pounds and also to request that at least that some man be sent to me at Elk, that I may be enabled to fulfill my contracts and forward the remaining part of the troops. There has no part of the troops sent on been delayed one hour for waggon, shallops or provisions. If Mr Double Kilpin who I have drawn for had the money lodged with him, there is no doubt but he can get a safe conveyance of it to Elk.

I am Gent Your Honors Most Obedt & Most Obedt.

To The Honorable Council of Safety of Maryland.

Wm Hollingsworth

P.S. Since writing the above as an opportunity offers I have thought it most convenient and