

Sir. By the inclosed requisition you'll find I have taken upon me the
part of the militia on duty. Be pleased to take the matter under consid-
eration and give such orders to the Council as you shall think proper. They are
both out of town which obliges me to act. For further particulars must refer you
to my Mother.

Sept 7th 1776.

I am Yours

B. Nicholson

(Copy of Orders.

Sir. I must request your company to go on guard, until I can hear from the
Council of Safety (which I judge will be to morrow a next day at furthest). The neces-
sity of the case will I hope induce you to comply (altho' my requisition does not flow
from strict authority) when I inform you that the Queen's Companies have marching
orders on this day at 12 o'clock to give relief - And Capt Nathl Smyth who I have ap-
plied to for that purpose, says 'tis out of his power.

To the Commanding Officer of the Independ^t Coy of Balt Town. B. N. Sept 6th 1776.

State of New Jersey

Brunswick Sept 6th 1776.

Sir.

James May who is concerned with me in the Gun Factory will
in my absence, want a sum of money to go on there with, and as he is unknown
to your Board, I have thought it necessary to advise you thereof, and to request your board
to furnish him with what sum Mr James Harris may draw on you for, on my account, to
be paid in guns, part of which I expect is already finished. The Council of Safety's compliance
herewith, I expect will be to the publick advantage and oblige

To the Honble Paul of St M^{rs} Jasper Esq.

Sir, Your Obedt^y & humble Serv^t

President of the Council of Safety.

Rich^d Dallam.

September the 7 - 1776.

Gentle. This will be handed to you by Captain Paterson who has been
with me to see if there is any of the Province boats are ready. I have two ready
for them. The Regent is at Baltimore where Capt Paterson may go for immediately. If
you think well of employing him the boat he chooses to go in is ready for shipping.

To the Honble Council

I am your most Obedt^y & humble Serv^t

of Safety. Annapolis.

Stephen Stewards.

Sir.

Baltimore Town Sept 7th 1776

The Bearer Doct Andrew Porter having been a Candidate for a Surgeon's
place on the Surgeon's list for some time, and is now willing to go as such in a
Battalion going to the Flying Camp. His abilities for that station are such that can rec-
ommend him, being with due respect -

Sir.

To the Honble Matthew Tilghman Esq.

Your Most Obedt^y & humble Serv^t

Prest of the Convention, Annapolis.

C. W. Smithall.

Charles County 9th Sept 1776.

Matthew Tilghman Esq. Sir. As it is disagreeable to me to hold my commission
as Captain of the militia any longer, I now return it to the Council of Safety in-
closed herewith. My reason for so doing is, that the Army seems to be discontented
and getting into confusion. I therefore would prefer standing in the ranks as a