

difficulty in using them, if it is to be done with these militia arms. There may be a few muskets offered for sale and I believe but few; as for improving which the Convention has given authority for, I shall not choose, by any means, to do it and believe the other Gent will not. I most heartily wish some measure could be adopted to restore harmony to this distracted Country, but which way it can be effected I know not. Some are displeased with the Convention or Council of Safety appointing and others I believe are not.

I have been informed the Convention has adjourned till Monday week, which is the reason of my giving you board the trouble of this: but am determined if I can make it convenient, to attend their next meeting, in hopes that something may be done to settle the unhappy disputes.

To the Pres^t of the Council of Safety, at Annapolis.
I am Gent you mo: obed^t Serv^t
Th: Wright.

Gentlemen.

Local County Sept 20th 1776.

From good authority I can inform you that Dr. Morris is gone on board a vessel of war from Philadelphia, therefore I imagine the Battalion to which he was appointed Surgeon, is still without any. I am always ready at one minute's warning and should be much obliged to you for an appointment there.

I am Gent you most obed^t
To the Honble Council of Safety.
Andrew Porter.

Baltimore. 20th September 1776.

Gentlemen.

Having a large quantity of bread belonging to the publick, on hand already baked, and a vessel to dispose of, that we think must answer your purpose, thought it most proper to advise you thereof. She is a large schooner that will carry about eleven hundred barrels flour, completely furnished ready for sea, a good sailer & as tight as a bottle. The price we ask for her is £850- that if she will any way suite you we'll advise me immediately for my government, as if she does not answer you, hope very much to dispose of her to some people of this place; dare say the quantity of bread we have baked belonging to you, together with what Mr. Spear has baked for you will intirely load this vessel, and if immediately sent out must certainly come to a good market almost any where. I myself am just now returned from Boston where I have been on a visit to my friends there, where I found both bread & flour very scarce and high, indeed scarcely any to be got, not one barrel of sweet flour was to be had in the whole town of Boston and bread as it was sold quick at 4 Dollars per cent. I think this vessel of ours loaded with a cargo of bread in bulk to go to Boston must answer well with a little flour, and for returns can purchase best India goods of any kind very low, as they are falling still lower every day from the great quantities of prizes that are constantly coming in to them. I was myself for several days at these public sales of prize cargoes, where I saw great quantities of sugar, spiritt rum, Coffee, cotton, &c. sell very low indeed or if these articles would not answer it appears to me there might a great deal of money be made on a cargo of salt. I see it sell in Boston at 1/2 p^{er} bushel by the quantity, and it was thought by most people there it would be lower, as a great many of their vessels were gone after salt, thinking it will be scarce and dear which is thought there will not be the case, that I really believe salt may be brought