

as low in Boston as any where we can safely send her, as there is many cir-
cumstances in favour of a vessel getting there safe. from the good ports on Nantux-
kett and other heights near which no king's ships will dare to come, and their coast is
no more of an iron bound one (as called) than most ships will dare to lay off there
this time of the year. This vessel of ours will carry about five or five thousand
bushells of salt, which would be a very handsome haul freight, and she is ex-
tremely well adapted for the purpose of carrying salt being a very boyent vessel that will
not load too deep. I hope Gent you will imagine I intend to dictate to you what
should be done in these matters, as you undoubtedly do know much better than I
can think or imagine; but several of my friends here advise me to write to this
purpose, what I knew of these matters, which I hope you will take a miss, as so great
a quantity of bread being ready, and much in our way, wait to make more room for
a set it out while they bay is clear. You favouring me with a line on this subject
immediately will very much oblige me, and if I can in any wise receive you in loading
this vessel shall be extremely glad of the favour, in which hope I act to your approbation
in every respect.

Gent your most obed^t most Affec^t Serv^t.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety for the City of Philadelphia. Cumberland Dugan.
Gentlemen.

The vessel Mr Dugan mentions in this letter I know well and do think
she would answer your purpose either to carry bread or bring salt. She is a good vessel
and I think a fast sailer. I loaded her once when she had a passage of about 20
days from here to Bristol in England and I do believe what Mr Dugan sets forth in
this letter is matter of fact. There is not another vessel in this place will suit you
as well as this. Indeed I believe there is not another you can have been at any
rate.

Gent your most obed^t Serv^t.

N.B., As to the value of the vessel leave that to Isaac Hollingsworth.
you & Mr Dugan, but she is valuable.

Phila 20th Sept 1776.

Gent.
I inclose you a letter from Mr Harifon which came under
cover together with a bill of lading for 74 casks of gunpowder each 50 wt in the Navy,
Capt Goring to Messrs Willing and Morris. he has entrusted the powder into Mr
Hollingsworth's care and requested him to forward it to you. The Bill of lading
is for the delivery of the goods or payment of 40.50 Dollars at 7/16 but the
Owner of the vessel alleges an agreement with Mr Harifon that the customary
freight should be paid. Nothing of the kind is mentioned in Mr Harifon's letter
to Willing & Morris. Will you be pleased to write us whether Mr Harifon has advised
you of it and what you would have done. The claim is 100 cts on the powder, val-
ued at 50 p/b which comes to just double the money mentioned in the bill of lading.
To the Honorable

I am Gent very respectfully.

Your most obed^t Serv^t.

Thos Jones Jr.

Council of Safety

of Maryland

Gent

Phila 20th Sept 1776. Friday.

Capt Watkins waits on you by our advice with a return of his