

I received by Capt Corington two hundred and twenty two pounds of bounty money for the Company to be raised in this county, which I have this day paid to Messrs Lewis Corington, R. Morton, R. Crable and Thos Hardy gentlemen recommended by the Field officers of this county, to recruit said Company. As there are no field officers belonging to the Seventh Battalion except myself, the gentlemen appointed by Convention having resigned and returned their commissions and are unwilling to act again, its very troubles are and disagreeable to me to continue. I have therefore now returned you my Commission also and beg a new appointment may be made of Field officers and I am gentlemen.

To the Honourable

Council of Safety - Annapolis

Yours most Obedt Servt.

Joseph Sims.

Patuxent Ship Defence Sept 23rd 1776.

Gentlemen, I have thought it best to send the Tender up as her mainmast head is sprung ~~and~~ and is under the necessity of keeping Mr Middleton as a pilot to carry the Ship down the bay. I have endeavored to get one at Smiths creek but could not. I am informed by Commodore Boucher that he was chased by the Enemy off the Capes. I shall use every proper method in my power for the safety of our ship. I have the pleasure to inform you that the greatest harmony subsists amongst the White Ship's crew and all in high spirits and good health. I shall inform you fully of our State by the return of Mr Middleton.

To the Honourable

Council of Safety.

I have the honor to be sent

Yours most Obedt Servt.

N.B. Commodore Boucher was chased the 14th of this Mth. G.B. George Cooke.

Ahead New point Annapolis Sept 24th 1776.

Sent. I wrote you this morning favored by Commodore Boucher enquiring you of the loss of our small Rover and my intention of going to Lwynnis Island to get an anchor. he hauled up for the Island but the Gale at North-east increasing the Pilot thought we could not fetch into smooth water. I then bore away and hope to be at sea by 10 o'clock at night when I made no doubt but to provide the ship with as good an anchor as the one lost. Our Ships Company is all in high spirits and am in hopes we shall be able to let you hear from us often by prize from time to time.

To the Honourable

I am sent Your most Obedt Servt.

Geo Cooke

The Council of Safety.

Sir.

I received a letter from Dr Toothill which I take the liberty to communicate to you, as it refers to a verbal order of the Council of Safety to deliver to him all the medicines, M^op, furniture, instruments & belonging to the Province, now under my care.

As the reason for it is, because the Hospital in Annapolis is crowded with Patients and medicines are much in request, I will take the liberty