

to communicate to you, as it refers to a verbal order of the Council of Daboty to deliver to him
all the medicines, shop 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 to observe,
that the whole shop cannot so easily be removed without manifest loss and
great trouble, every thing must be taken out of boxes, drawers & and packed up singly
then packed into chests or Barrels, the shop furniture likewise must suffer, besides
we being burthened with several useless articles in our shop furniture as well as
medicines and the expenses made in putting them in order would be likewise thrown
away. If I add to this, that our hospital is perhaps crowded equally to that in An-
napolis and wants medicines, and considering that this may be deemed the best
place for the Repository, if at any time any disturbance should happen in the Pro-
vince. The Defence & Revolution as well as the Frigate have been from time to time
supplied with medicines which is another reason I must give.

Doctor Foothill at his first reception to his majority, gave me a
voice of medicines he wanted, but as we had not the fourth part of them neither in
quantity nor at all I furnished him with what we had and when in Philadelphia
I made enquiry, the whole City could not have furnished the half. I reported our shop
as well as the scarcity would admit of. I have not received any order from the Doctor
since, for a supply, which is about ten days ago I got a little supply, should have fur-
nished him if he would retrench his prescriptions to the present situation of affairs. I
shall however deliver every thing according to orders of the Council whenever it is required,
along with the Patients.

Surgical Instruments are not in my possession except a few lancets,
a bullet forceps and some needles, as well as three small catheters, having hitherto
made use of my own instruments. The Capital Instruments are on board the
Defence and in Annapolis. I beg to excuse my intruding on your patience and
am with due respect -

Baltimore Town Sept 23rd 1776.

Charles Carroll Esq Barrister, Mount Laurel.

Your most Obedt & Affct Servt

Lo Weisenthal

Sir, Ship Defence Sept 24th 1776.

Unluckily this morning our small vessel parted near
the anchor. I endeavored to seize it by the bony rope, that also parted, at the crown
of the anchor. I have left a watch buoy near the place. I'm afraid it will intrude
on you too far to ask your kindness, should it be calm whilst you have to suffer
some of your boats to endeavor to get the anchor for the good of the Service. Will
so far inform that in seeing the buoy, that is to show where our anchor lies.

Commons Branch of the Congress
or Capt Brook of the Liberty.

I am Sir with esteem Your most Obedt Servt

George Cooke

Off Point Look out Sept 24th 1776.

I humored myself by writing you by the Amelia Tender. At that
time we had hopes of having a fine night and good run down the bay. At 10 PM