

several gentlemen of no inconsiderable rank and weight in my native country, that my residence among them will not only give me no offence, but that they will even solicit this House (if necessary) for my enlargement. That my situation is a most unhappy one those acquainted with the human heart, will readily conceive and if my sufferings can be alleviated without any injury to the public weal, I flatter myself humanity will plead powerfully in my favor. To be held up to the world as an enemy to my native land; to be deprived of my living in which the laws of my country had taught me to believe I had a permanent estate; must sink deep into the heart of a man less attached to worldly affairs than I profess to be; but the voice of the representatives of the State has pronounced the sentence and I must submit to my fate; yet anxious as I am of having never harboured one thought injurious to the rights of mankind, I cannot but hope your honorable house will remit my too rigorous sentence and permit me to try my fate in some other land, where if my inclinations lead me, which I call God to witness they never have done, it will be out of my power to hurt this Country. If not for my own, or the sake of those innocents who have me alone to look up to for protection and support, I hope I may gain thus much at your hands, more especially as the common rights of mankind are yet preserved inviolable in the State of Maryland, give me some grounds for the hope. I have the honor to be with the greatest respect,

Sir, Your most obed^t & very able Servant.

To the Honble Matthew Tilghman Esq.

John Scott.

Washington County the 9th 1776.

Gentlemen.

In pursuance of my instructions from your Honors I have complied my company as return of which I now do myself the honor of sending you by Lieut Isaac McCrackin. I have applied to Colo Reuteh to review my company, to do which he did not comply, should therefore be glad you'd please by my said Lieut send me further instructions and the advance money promised by Convention to my men and as they lay at expenses now would be desirous to know what subsistence money may be allowed there, if any please remit agreeable to their enlistment by Lieut McCrackin and by whom I do hope your Honors will be kind enough to give me my route that I may know when and where to march my company. I have the pleasure to say my company are complete and effective men and has the honor to be

To the Honble

Gentlemen Your most obed^t & very able Servant

Council of Safety of Maryland.

Andrew Hynes.

Washington October 10th 1776.

Gentlemen.

My age and bad state of health has rendered me incapable of serving any longer as an officer in the service. I have therefore inclined you my commission and at the same time return you my most sincere thanks for the honor you conferred on Gentlemen

I, your most obed^t & humble Servant.

Conrad Hogmire.

October 10th 1776

Sirs.

We beg leave to return you to one of the 8th herewith sent since then we have received here in exchange for the same quantity we had at Station 120 half barrels of gun powder, which we have put aboard the Brig Friendship in your care and inclosed you will find a bill of lading and invoice for the same.