

Zephaniah Wallace

Alexander Mason

Robert Robinson

Nicholas Rodolph

James Jordan

60. Nov. 1776.

William Bennett

John Hoernes

60 Men at \$5.10. each - £ 330.00.00

Certified by Rich^d Smith

Henrico County Virginia Oct. 15th 1776.

Gentlemen. I have delivered to one Thomas Foster at Hanover town on Pamunkey River 2781 Bushels of good pit coal, agreeable to my contract with Mr John Rodolph at 1¹/₄ for bushel our currency, who by the last of March was to have paid the money or given an order on our Treasurers both of which he has failed to do. Mr Rodolph has not wrote nor in any manner complied with his engagement. Altho' I could not supply the several orders for coal, have not disposed of the above quantity. By the inclosed you'll see what he tells Mr Samuel Parsons a gentleman from my neighbourhood. If I had conceived that Mr Rodolph would have put me to the trouble he has, I would not have sold him a bushel of coal. Neither did he ever hint that your Honble Board was to have paid for them. Mr Parsons told me as Mr Rodolph has given no order, he could pay no money. No vessel has arrived for that coal. I hope your Honorable board will direct Bro. B. Nicholas Esq to make payt and send for the coal, as I am in want of the money.

I am Gentlemen, with great respect

To the Honorable

Council of Safety.

Your most obed^t Servt

Samuel Dewal.

Gentlemen.

I having committed my proposals to your considerations, should esteem it as a singular favour, if you would please to inform me if they will be agreeable, the Currier whom I deal with is going to the Northward to purchase leather and before he goes I must lett him know what quantity I want, that he may purchase accordingly. I want to go to Baltimore to morrow morning early and intreat the favour of your answer. am Dear Gentlemen

15th October 1776.

Your most obed^t Servt

The Honble Council of Safety for Maryland.

Rich^d Maccubbin.

October 16th 1776.

Gentlemen.

As Capt Patterson's boat is so near ready to sail, I thought it would

be as well for him to come up in his redy to receive your orders which will be tomorrow as the large schooner could be got ready in a few days with six carris guns. If you would consent to swap two field Ribles which you have in Annapolis for two heavier Ribles that I took out of the Resolution. The large Schooner is peared for ten three and two pounders but as we are obliged to put up five pounders six will be near equal to six of miltel (the schooner is a fine vessel) there is some vessels on the sea shore to sell. If you want to buy one of them, and load them when they are the danger would be considerable less to sit them out then getting them out of the Bay. My son will inform you what situation the vessels are in. I hope you will not think me forward in attempting to dictate for you as I really do not intend it but am ready to oblige you in every employment you can set me about and am your most obed^t Humble Servt

The Honble Council of Safety.

Stephen Howard