

myself with a sufficient quantity of powder, but workmen are very scarce.

I have applied to Lieut Brown of the Train of Artillery who tells me that several shoemakers may be spared to work up in this emergency, but is desirous to have your honour's permission, for which I make bold to apply to your Honours for your approbations that I may complement the work before the time limited and be ready in case of necessity to obey your further orders. I am with great respect

To the Honourable

Yr Obedt & Obligd Able Servt

Council of Safety.

Nich Maccubbin.

Baltimore 23^d October 1776.

Gentlemen. Capt Kilty applied to us yesterday for cordage to fit out the ninety two but we have met with such difficulty in procuring here to soon with the engagements we are already under, that we cannot furnish him, unless you think proper to take off so much as he may want, from the quantities we are to furnish for the hundredals; and then we apprehend it will be impossible to get rigging for them til next summer.

Capt Peters on called on us for some brimstone which we delivered.

To the Honourable

We are Sent Yr Obedt Able Servt

Council of Safety.

Lucas & Bowley.

De Baltimore le 23^e gbre 1776.

Monsieur. J'ai eu l'honneur de vous apprendre par ma précédente l'état de mes affaires, et l'embarras où je me trouve pour avoir des vivres. Etant persuadé, Monsieur, que vous m'honnorez de votre protection, j'espère que vous m'accorderez la permission d'embarquer vingt cinq sacs de farine, sur le corvette l'amitié Captne Martin, comme j'ai eu l'honneur de vous écrire par ma précédente. Soyez persuadé que je vous en serai redevable toute ma vie. En attendant cette faveur j'ai l'honneur d'être très respectueusement

V. H. M. M. M. M.

Votre très humble et très obéissant serviteur

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Hon: Council of Safety.

October 24th 1776.

Gentlemen;

In July, last, I received an order from your Honourable board, directing a court martial to be held on the 15th of that month for the trial of Capt John Marshall and Serin Mills of Calvert County belonging to the fifteenth Battalion of Militia. In consequence thereof I called a meeting of the members on the day appointed, and summoned the parties to appear with their evidences. A sufficient number of members attended to hold a court and Capt John Marshall appeared agreeable to summons but not being provided with his evidences and Serin Mills having been sent express by Col Donerville to your Honble board, the Court martial adjourned to the Monday following the 22nd Inst. On that day I attended at the place appointed, but none of the members appeared, some of them, I think the greater part together with Serin Mills being on duty, either at Drum point or at St George's Island, watching the motions of Lord Dunmore's fleet.

Thus circumstanced I was at a loss how to act, and thus doubtful