

and large pieces, I fully intend down with as soon as the Service allows sight-  
ed will permit: you will please to lay this before - their Honours though  
note in much haste (as tis all letters) I should be as wrote to the Hon-  
ours but have received no answer from them. I have about Col. Benjamin  
Purnsey gave me at Philadelphia verbally who I am much obliged  
to for his assistance in dispatching me and am D<sup>r</sup> Sir

To Joseph Gilpin Esq. (Friend of the Continental) No 862 & 11th St. Balt.  
Convention at Annapolis. W<sup>m</sup> Hollingsworth.

Baltimore October 27<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen I take this opportunity to tell you know that the  
most of my company is willing to enlist for during the war with me,  
provided that I might give them twenty dollars as bounty without  
deducting the sum of eight dollars which they have received of me as  
bounty for their former enlistment. My men says that they will serve  
their time out with me according to contract and then that they will en-  
list with another person in order that they may receive the sum of twenty  
dollars without any deduction, my men that have not as yet received their  
month's advance insists that I should pay them this week, therefore I should be glad  
to know whether I must pay them out of what money I have now in my posses-  
sion. I find that by the Resolutions of Congress the private man is allowed but  
six shillings per week for rations, which I think it would be impossible for any  
officer that draws rations for his men to find them in provisions for that price,  
I should be glad gentlemen you would let me know what pay per month the pri-  
vate soldiers and officers has according to the Resolutions of Congress.

I am gentlemen with great respect yrs. to serve.

Fredrick Sears

To the Honble  
The Council of Safety of Maryland =

The petition of Joseph Whayland and Peter a languishing Prisoner in the  
Jail at Annapolis, humbly sheweth, that at the time your Petitioner was  
taken by Maj Fallin's guard he had all his cloaths taken from him - that  
he is now naked and has been so ever since his confinement and has not  
wherewithall to purchase any cloaths; he therefore humbly begs your  
Honours would be pleased to grant him an order on Mr Fallin for the  
Delivery of his cloaths and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall obey.  
October 28<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Joseph Whayland.

October 29<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen Mr Giden & air waits on you for a Commission as Captain  
of Marines aboard of the largest Province Schooner which I hope to have  
rigged and fit for sea in 10 or 12 days. As sailers are very hard to be got I  
should think it would be well for you to put from 20 to 30 Land men on  
board after being a crew they will become half sailers, which will be of  
great use to this State. Mr Odare as I have said to you before is as fit a  
man for the service as any of my acquaintances. He has the offer of  
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