

" I am to inform you that I have looked into my Soldiers Stockings (that I purchased with a view of cloathing my Regiment) - There are only 128 pair remaining unsold. and some of them, 18 pair, are damaged, having been left open to the air and moth - the 110 pair are good, - and are at your service at 7/6 a pair - the 18 pair may be mended, and you may have them at half price 3/9 - or I can use them myself - indeed, I can sell them all with thanks among my neighbours - I send you 3 pair for samples - If you chuse to accept of my stockings, they shall be delivered to your order, and I hope your Mespranger will either bring the money, or be authorized to give me an order at once on the Treasurer, for however Honourable sentiments I entertain of your Board; and Respect I have for the Persons of the Board of Accounts; yet I will never, if I can help it, subject myself to their arbitrary determinations - I attended a whole week about an account, that if Justice had been done me, I should have had Publick Thanks for - instead of which I was delayed and injured against the most palpable evidence, and compelled to take in November, when our currency is not of half value, a great deal less, than I had offered me in hand by Major Marshall in June! Such is the reward I have had for my Publick spirit and love of Country. Yet although I thus smart, I do entirely confide in the Integrity and Candour of the Council of Safety. - I have about 50 good firelocks and some other makes. They are manufactoring a species of linnen cloth, that I think if pursued would be of great Publick utility - To take the tow of Flax and Hemp, card it into rolls, spin it on the great wheel; then double and twist it and weave it: it will make good tents, Bagging, Tagger cloath, Coarse sheets - Sails 1/2<sup>c</sup> too soft and pliable and the doubling and twisting makes it exceeding strong. - Our Women spin in these days 2 1/2 lbs each, it is carded for them - The doubling and twisting is new to me, and perhaps it may be so to others, and if it prove useful, my intuition will be gratified. If the tow thread is warped and filled in with ordinary wove, it will make good farranget and Bedding.

To  
The Honourable Council of Safety  
Annapolis  
with a paper parcel of stockings

I am, your affectionate Servant  
Stephen Will

Baltimore Nov<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen,

It is impossible for me to Intest a Company of men without you would first let me have the Posonaly money, therefore I should be much obliged unto you if you would send me word at what time it would be suitable for me to come and receive it, so that I may not be disappointed. My men that I have discharged, that I owe the Nation money unto thinks that I have cheated them out of it, therefore I should take it as a great favour if you would send me a Line from under yr hands to tell them know to the contrary of it, I should be glad you would send me word what I am to do with the men that I have Industed since the others was discharged, whether I am to get them inspected directly and put them in the Barracks, or how they