

are to be retired. I likewise should be glad you would send me word what
the non-commissioned officers and private soldiers is allowed per month, and
in so doing you will much oblige yrs to serve.

To the Honorable Council of Safety }
Annapolis }

Frederick Deane

Baltimore 7th Nov^r 1776.

Gentlemen,

Yesterday I received a few lines from Mr Pickens by your orders
Requesting my presence at Annapolis to take charge of a ten gun Schooner. he
also says he wrote me a few days before, which I never have rec^d if I had should
have answered it. I am much obliged to you Gentlemen for your good opinion of
me in giving me a preference, and I wish my health would have permitted
me to Except of it. at present I am under the care of Doctor Tresuthall, and
he will not permit me to be out at night or get wet. Such a person I am
sure is not fit to serve the publick in the Capacity you propose for me.

Within this week I think I am something better (and he gives me hope)
if I get able by the Spring be assured I will not draw back my service from the
Publick. I expect my brother here every day, on his arrivall I shall write
you about him. I know he has offered his service to the Publick, and believe
he does not intend to draw back, I wish he would suit you for this vessel
as I make no doubt of his Excepting of it. he is now at Colon^l Trevers
on Hoopers Island, was sick when he went there, but Expect him Every
day.

I am Gentlemen your very H^{ble} Serv^t

Geo. Towles

To the Honorable Council of Safety }
Annapolis }

War Office Nov 8th 1776

Honorable Gentlemen,

General Schuyler is very desirous of having an answer
to his Letters respecting the Panick Indians. The six Nations repeatedly com-
plain that those of that Nation who were left in Maryland are detained
there contrary to their Inclinations. This Idea, tho' not founded in Truth
creates much uneasiness and is emotantly held up by the Indians in their Con-
ferences with the General. Congress have before written to your State on the
Subject on which I have now the Honour of addressing you by Order of the Board
of War, but have not been favoured with an Answer, which I have it in com-
mand to request you will now be pleased to give that it may be trans-
mitted to General Schuyler, and he may thereby be enabled to satisfy
the minds of the Indians on this Subject.

To the Honorable Convention or Council of Safety }
Maryland }

With the greatest Respect I have the
Honour to be your most obed^t H^{ble}
Serv^t Richard Peters, Secy

P.S. The Board have received an acct of Prisoners of war in your State, and would be obliged
to you for a list of the Officers of Continental troops raised in your State, their ranks & Dates
of Commission & also the number of privates.