

Annapolis Nov. 2th 1776.

Gentlemen

Mr Hugh Gardner of Charles County being desirous of serving the American States in the Military wars, we beg leave to recommend him to your Honble Board - from a thorough Knowledge of Mr Gardner, his strong attachment to the interest of his Country, the Zeal he has always shown in the common Cause, his indefatigable assiduity and application to and Knowledge of Military Affairs we can assure that his merit would well entitle him to the Command of a Company or indeed to a higher Commission, but as he is sensible that there are men of merit who have been some time in the service and who ought to be preferred, all that he at present aspires to is Lieutenancy, and I believe he would be gladd of being in the Matross Service; We would therefore propose him as first Lieutenant in the Company of Matrosses now raising for this Town, to the Command of which Company from the good opinion we entertain of his abilities, we hope Mr Tom Campbell may be preferred. We are gentlemen.

Most Respectfully yours &c,

J. Parnham.

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The Honble Council of Safety
Annapolis

Philadelphia Nov 13th 1776.

Sir,

A man who has contracted to furnish Mr Green on account of our State with fifty Reams of Paper called on me the other Day and informs me that they were ready, that Mr Green had directed him to send them down by water, but reflecting on the Orders given by the Members of Congress from our State not to hazard a former Quantity by water, he was apprehensive that he should do wrong to risk them now, a Thought which did not strike him, till after the Departure of Mr Green, and that he would on notice send them by waggons.

I forgot in my two former dispatches to mention it but informed him he would receive a line from our State relative to it.

I am Sir

Your most humble Servant
Benjamin Rumsey.

100 sail of Transports under sufficient
Convoy have sailed from New York
to the Southward

To

The Honble Council of St. M's Joseph Esq
Annapolis

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You not sitting this morning before I leave town prevents me