

Go in small quantities to the distressed people, this being done we are per-
 suaded it will not only be of great advantage to the People, but that they
 seeing measures undertaken to relieve their wants will have their minds made
 easy and will go on much more spirited and chearful in doing their duty
 in their respective Stations than they now do. We shall be obliged to your
 Honors for an answer by the return of our Express, and are with great Esteem,
 Gentlemen,

The Honble }
 Council of Safety }
 Annapolis }

Your very obed^t Servant
 Signed by order of the Committee
 John Dickinson Chairman

Baltimore Nov 17th 1776.

Gentlemen-

As I have been oblig'd to take four Alids. of Tobacco for the Sale
 of my Druggs, you'll infinitely oblige me to let me put it on board of Capt. M^r
 Martin of the Brig Friendship, as I cannot get payment in any other way, if
 you, Gentlemen, should not approve of my putting it on board the said
 Brig, it will be of great loss to me - Should there be any thing that I can
 be of service to you in, shall do it with great Pleasure, I am,

Gentlemen,

The Honble }
 Council of Safety }
 Annapolis }

Your obed^t Able Serv^t
 J. Pelletier

Baltimore Nov 17th 1776

Gentlemen,

This my 2^d opportunity of informing you of my situa-
 tion I am much distressed for Sailors the Merchants in this place give
 from 12 to 15 £ pr month and if I don't give as much I can get no Sai-
 lours. I am told Capt. Stone is going to take the Brig it is a thing
 that I am unacquainted with and would be glad of an answer to
 this letter.

The Brig wants an anchor 400 W^t & cable 10 inches. She
 never had any but the old anchors and cables from Capt. Stones
 Sloop. I want 200 - 4^{lb} shot 300 - 3^{lb} ditto and 500 Swivel
 Balls 500 Cordage for Back stays &c. I shall advise this morning
 with Capt. Nicholson and ask him if I must keep the Brig till
 I get an answer from your Hon^{le} boards.

I am,

The Honble }
 Council of Safety }
 Annapolis }

Gentlemen
 Your obed^t Serv^t
 John Martin