

Thursday Nov. 21st 1776.

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The Owners of Kelly wait on you for some Canvas to make a foresail for the Schooner. Kinsey says, which sail we now find wanting. It is a very great misfortune for us all, that this sail should be wanting as it will cause a detention of two days longer to the vessel, and no longer; as they sail-makers say, he'll engage to compleat it after he gets the Canvas in less than two days.

The reason of this sail being so out of the way is owing to the Ship Defence, who took all the 92's sails a considerable time ago, on some occasion of putting them with many other sails into her gratings, and this sail is somewhere mislaid that nobody can tell where. I hope this stoppage will not do much damage, being in hopes that a new Foresail for this vessel whose other sails are all old; will answer some good purposes however am willing to make an allowance for it that you may think just and reasonable the last of the 92's cargo left me last Monday being now entirely full: her cargo is — 620 Barrells of flour, 200 Barrells Bread 146 Kegs fine beads, 20 kds tobacco, & abt 3 thousand of your wht and Barrell Hoes; invoice and Bill Lading of which shall send you as soon as I get this foresail, and the vessel away from here. Mr Kelly has shiped some people and I have put in a man for mate, that should not a better man offer send us Mr?; this is a man whose family lives here, well attached to the Cause, but do wish for a more active smart man, however Mr Kelly says he seems to behave exceedingly well.

To the Honble

Council of Safety
at Annapolis

the bearer writes while I write.

Your Most Obed^t
C. Dugan

Baltimore Nov 21st 1776.

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I received yours of the 17th yesterday, and have now to inform you Mr Turnbull returned four days since from the Eastern Shore, where he has been detained by sickness, he thinks he will have the accounts ready by Sunday or Monday next, when I shall certainly come down to Annapolis with him to endeavour a settlement. Mr Turnbull left poor Morris very ill behind him, was he had should bring him likewise, but my own suspicions has alarm'd me. I shall loose no time in endeavouring to convince you, I do not intend avoying the province. I am gentle of your Obedient Servant,

The Honble Council of Safety of
Maryland, Annapolis

James Nicholson.