

you and her to settle it Please excuse for this freedom, it is for a wedding,
From your humble servant,

The Honorable Council
of Safety
Annapolis

Jesse Hollingsworth

Baltimore December 1st 1776.

Sirs.

I have provide for you near 200 bbls of beef which the Butchers
have and are delivering every day, the Baron Mr. Crafford has a parcell
of beef build and to barrill which he think very good and wants to
sell the quantity hee has is so great that I did not choos to purchase
it without your Consent if you think so much beef will be wanted ple-
ase write and it shall be purd. There is no port yet come to hand
but I think there will be a great number of boys in this win-
ter for the peoples expectations are up.

If Mr Crafford's beef would do for Capt. Cooks men
of Capt. Cooks agents ought to examine it and be satisfyd as to the
quality - Capt. Gibbens has build as low as the Boom. Capt. Martin
will be lodid this week and shall do every thing in my power to get
them away but it is hard to be done, there is a skooner here owned by
Messrs Morris and Turnbull, shee is quite new and seems a good
vesell her fore timbers are all Mulbery she has all her sails but a
flying Gib, new and in goods order, good anchors and Cabbels I
think her a good vesell and fit for sea But the price is high 14
hundred pound is the price hee told mee to write shee I think will
carry near 500 bbls Please let mee know what you would have
done in this the Capt is waiting for your directions to Capt Cook
about the mate - I have a deal of trouble and fear you blame
mee for delaying the vesell, but I can lode 20 vesells rather than
man and sail & the money paid to Captains and sailers is woor-
dfull and no way to them it shall send you some nails as
soon as I can but there is no such thing as I now of.

From your friend and

To the Council of
Safety

Humble servant.

Jesse Hollingsworth.

Charter Town December 1st 1776.

Gentlemen -

This will be delivered you by Robert Reatt a Black Smith
of this Town who writes on the Council to sell them 17 muskets which
he has made and carries with him, they seem to be strong and sub-
stantial, he proposes contracting with your Boards for a good many,
but in the character of an honest man, has some real property in