

are incurable. I have acquainted Capt. Ramsay therewith by Capt. Nath. Smith, but received no direction. The Patient being willing to address himself to the Honble. Council of Safety, for further directions as he cannot any way expect relief from any application, and is consequently unfit for any military service, or any way to have a lively hood I have the honor to be.

Majr. James Ely.

President of the Honble Council of Safety

Annapolis

In

Your most humble Servant
C. Weisenthal.

P. S. he says he has not received any pay since the 3^d of June.

December 3th 1776.

Honor'd Gent.

Our people's time will expire some time this month, and the beginning of next, and as their wages given as far as Eleven Pounds per month in the Merc^t service, its very possible that many of them will leave the service of this State, without due encouragement. I'm inform'd that there is a resolve made by the Honble Convention of this State giving twenty dollars bounty for each man and ten Pounds for ordinary seaman. I'm in hopes this bounty will engage the whole of them or the greatest part to the service, provided its advertised. I hope for your instructions in this case and should take it as a singular favour you would provide for me the resolves of this State, or Congress, that is relative to the Naval Department - that I may act accordingly. I'm doing all I can to get the Ship away before Christmas and make no doubt of its being so provided we can keep our people together. -

Since I wrote the above I rec^d your favour of the 6th Inst. and it gives me pleasure I can be supply'd with Canvas. Mr. Hollingsworths bid for the Snow fourteen hundred Pounds and upwards. I believe he went as far as he thought the value of her, but was over bid. The Schooner Nancy one of our Prizes I make no doubt will answer your purpose, if large enough. The Capt. of her informs me she is a good vessel and well found. As I expect to see you in a few days I shall have an opportunity of talking further with you, therefore shall trouble you no further at present, but am,

Hon^d Gent.

The Honble.

Council of Safety.

Annapolis

Your very humble Servant.

Geo. Cook

December the 9th 1776.

Gentlemen) I understand you have some ship bread in town. the yards are without I shall be much oblig'd to you to order 5 or 6 Bolls down by Capt. Hammond and the ballow I mentioned to you some time ago. I am your most obed^t Servant
For the Honorable Council of Safety. Stephen Steward.

A. B. When will I be gett'g yours for the getting.