

Mr. Anthon's bill

in pencil

In absence of Capt. Cook I would recommend to you to consider the necessity of immediately sending off all the Defences funds that lays in your power. I will inform your officer that you shall think proper to send with them. Please to show this to Mr. Purviance and consult him on the occasion that he may send word of to the Council of Safety. I shall make the best of my way to Philadelphia.

I am Yours, &c.

W. Nicholson

Head Quarters, Annapolis Dec 11th 1776.

The Humble Petition of Thomas Callumber in Behalf and for his two far absent Children.

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner has two small Children in Colbert County, and the oldest of them not being above five and half years old, they are incapable of doing any thing for themselves;— And at the same time, Most Honourable Gentlemen, I am to inform you that after the death of my wife and the time of my enlistment I agreed with a friend of mine there to take care of them for a limited time But through the favours of Providence and the misfortunes of the world, he has been through and reduced to the very lowest state of Poverty. so that most Honourable Gentlemen he is incapable of affording or aiding himself any support, let alone any subsistence for my two far absent infants, and without some relief and that quickly they must inevitably perish. Since we most gracious and considerate Gentlemen I am to inform you, that the person with whom I left my poor infants, wrote me that I must go down immediately in order to provide a living for my children, as he was under the necessity of going to Frederick. Therefore most Honourable Gentlemen I hope you will take the low and deplorable condition of your poor Petitioner's ^{two} Children's situation into your most serious consideration and grant him some leave of absence, or other method to provide for them, and your poor Petitioner shall ever be in duty bound to pray,

Thomas Callumber.

The Honourable the Council of Safety.

now sitting in the City of Annapolis.

There by Submission present.

The Petition of Thomas Callumber,

private belonging to the Train

of Artillery 2^d Maryland Mastro's