

Baltimore December 11<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Sir,

I sent you a parcel of nails by Mr Speer and have bought a parcel of the same that was on board the Schooner, a boat £500 worth and as soon as any of the vessels is to be sold I will purchase the Schooner or the Brig or both I would purchase the Snow, but the best Judges thought her to old. The Prize ship that came yesterday is a very fine one for the old France trade. Capt. Martin will sail to morrow without fail hands is so scarce it is almost impossible to get them, I have beef amply salted, I suppose for some time - I am picking up all the Pork, I can for the Defence. Butter and Cheese is very high. I think Capt. Martin and hands will expend in wages and repairs 200 Pounds. Please send me 1500 or 2000 Pounds. Money is paid away surprizingly but I cant doe with les.

To the

Honorable Council of Safety  
Annapolis

Your humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Jesse Hollingsworth.

P.S. Mr Speer, Mr Smith, Mr Turnbull or Capt Cook will be good hands to send money by. Send it soon as I am out.

In Council of Safety.

Philadelphia Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Sir,

The present situation of this State makes it necessary to remove all the State prisoners from this City - and the Honble. Board of War has advised us to send part to your care to dispose of them in such safe place of confinement as you may think proper. In consequence of which we have sent you a list of their names you have annexed - they have been very active and dangerous enemies to these States, and it is of great importance that they be prevented from making an escape being apprised of these facts we have no doubt of your care and attention to have them secured.

To.

The Honble. President  
of the Council of Safety  
of Maryland

From Sir, Your humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

By order of Council.

Tho. Wharton President.

In Committee. Baltimore Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen -

By a letter rec<sup>d</sup> by yr Post from Mr S. Chase we are directed immediately to send up to the Head of Elk and Charles Town all the Craft that can be got in order to assist in bringing down the public Stores, the roll B. which was to be removed from Philad<sup>a</sup> - I was request<sup>d</sup> to transmit you the same. requisition we doubt not you will readily comply with. We are with much respect. Sir,

To. The Committee of Observation  
at Annapolis.

Yours

Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Jas Calhoun, Clerk