

follow after Capt. Nicholson. I would beg leave to suggest whether it would not be advisable to take a few of the Nine Pounders from the Frigate and send up along with the Defence Guns, to put on board the Frigate should they attempt sailing round to this Bay. We have plenty of Craft here to carry up the Defence People to Elk. Our Committee agreeable to Mr Chase's requisition wrote the Committee of your City to send up to Elk what Craft were at Annapolis. I have since learned that there is no Committee. There will be no necessity of sending any more craft, as we can get plenty here. The Committee are preparing the Court House in the best manner the time will admit for the reception of the Congress. Should they be obliged to leave Philadelphia, in which case Mr Chase writes, it is intended to come here.

I am,

The Honble.

The Council of Safety
at Annapolis

The Express

Gentlemen,

Your most humble Servant.
Sam^l Purviance Junr.

Baltimore City Dec. 15th 1776.

Gentlemen,

I received yours Mr Col^l Ewing and have given the necessary orders, to your Militia to hold themselves ready to march at short notice. I am ask'd by the Militia how they are to be provided with tents, arms, Baggage wagons &c. It would be necessary to let me know how they are to be provided, if those necessaries are not provided before orders are given for the Militia to march it will retard them much.

I am,

The Honble.

Council of Safety
Maryland.

Gent. Your Servant.
Geo. Buchanan.

Chester Town 16th Dec. 1776.

Gentlemen -

I have sent Mr Rock Hall boat one hoghead containing 200 pair Shoes, and expect to send 200 pair more in 4 weeks. I have been disappointed in hands, or should have employ'd more fully with my contract, which I hope you'll excuse. — If you think proper to let me have 100 pounds, should be greatly oblig'd by your sending it to me Mr first opportunity.

To

The President of the Council

with a hoghead
shoes

Safety
Maryland

From your Hble Servant.

James Claypole.