

shall be glad to serve you. If not pleas'd to let me now, that I may resign  
my warrant - From your humble servant.

To The Honorable Council of Safety Samuel Baxter.

Sir.

Bladenburg Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1777.

I am favour'd with yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inst. in which you desire to be  
inform'd if I can furnish eight or ten tons of Cordage and what the price  
and time of delivery will be - To these three questions I can at present an-  
-swer to one of them only. it is that I can make the Cordage and perhaps as  
soon as any one of the fraternity. The price I cannot set at this time. that  
will depend on the price of hemp, and the time of delivery is uncertain.  
having little or no hemp by me, and it is seldom ready for sale before the  
last of March. I mean the crop of 1776.

I have already taken steps for securing twenty thousand weight, but  
I do not expect it can be engag'd before the time above mentioned, when it  
comes in I can turn of one thousand or twelve hundred Wt well, perhaps  
a greater quantity, but I chuse to be moderate as experience has told  
me unforeseen disappointments are often presenting themselves to our view.  
I cannot now give you a more conclusive answer to your letter, for I  
would rather not contract at all than make an agreement that I had  
not a certainty of complying with. if from what I have said, you  
think there is any probability of our coming to an agreement, or you  
favouring me with a line I will act accordingly and not engage for  
any more than I have already promised, tho' several applications have  
been made to me lately. I am Sir,

The Honble. Daniel of St Tho's Parish Esq. your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Servant.  
President of the Council of Safety at Annapolis  
Chris. Lowndes

Sir.

Louis Barbours. Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1777.

I have received your favour in Council of Safety and shall as soon as possible attend  
the summons, and shall be happy in affording real service to my distressed country-  
-men - Former obligations make it necessary to see all under my care at present that  
lay any way between here and your City -

I shall set off from home in the morning early, and hope to be at Annapolis  
at night and wait on the Honble Council the next morning, to whom please to  
present my respectful compliments I am Sir your much obliged serv<sup>t</sup>.

Daniel of St-Tho's Parish Esq. President,

C. Johnson

of the Honble Council of Safety, Annapolis

Just -

Fredricks Town 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 1777

I have had no opportunity since my receipt of your last letter before  
this by Col's Price nor did I think it worth while to send an express. I  
wish you would be pleas'd to send forward one thousand pair of shoes to be  
lodg'd at Philadelphia subject to my orders with the prices that they may