

put in contrary to intention of the people themselves. but if any other Court
many methods to recommend be fell upon that is justifiable. I will serve with
the greatest cheerfulness in any office in the Battalion and march at the
shortest notice - They Companies all hold themselves in readiness against they
Officers be commissioned agreeable and think they will turn out generally
to in compass which has been the unremitted endeavour of, Gentlemen,

The Honble Council of Safety
of Maryland
Gent.
Your humble servant
David Moore.
Calvert County Jan^y 6th 1777.

Mr Leavin Mills has applied to me for an order on the Council
for his money as Adjutant to the Fifteenth Battalion: he was ap-
pointed to that office the 7th day of March 1776. agreeable to a Reso-
luc of Convention: You will, I hope, discharge the account as he
has faithfully done his duty. I am, Gentlemen,

The Honble the Council of Safety
of Maryland
Humble. Gent.
Your most humble Servt.
Ben. Matherall Seth.
Baltimore January 7th 1777.

I wrote you from Philadelphia wherein I inform of the Peo-
ple's deserting and entering in the land Service there is upwards of forty that
did not return and those who did say their time of entry is expired, which
I cannot contradict, not being able to get the time of their entry from Mr
Turnbull, tho' repeatedly have asked for it, this uncertain Condition causes a great
perplexity. however from every circumstance I think it best to settle with
the whole of them, and endeavour to recruit as many as possible I can. the Fri-
gate has opened a rendezvous by which means they get most of the Seamen in
this place, it would enable me to get men to the ship much sooner if you
should approve of our opening a house of that kind likewise. I arrive here
on Saturday and should have wrote you sooner, but thought of waiting on
you which I now have declined, as I expect to have one side of the Ship
out tomorrow and properly cleaned this week. I intend to engage the
Seamen for the ship during the war if possible but hope you'll be plea-
sed to write me fully the manner you'd have them entered, and what en-
couragements they may expect as to Prize money which bears great
weight with them, for should it be left them in the Continental service, it
will be with difficulty they'd enlist. I shall use my utmost endeavour to
get the ship ready as quick as possible. you letter to me wherein you direc-
ted me to employ an attorney to put in a claim for the Snow Gorse, I
did not receive till the day I set out for Philadelphia, the hurry in
getting off prevented me from speaking to Mr Buchanan to do it, so that
there was no claim laid. An appeal to Congress will be easily done by a few
lines from you to Mr Chase, or who else you may approve of.

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland
at Philadelphia
I have the Honors to be
Your most Obed^t Humble Servt,
Geo. Cook