

P.S. I should have enclosed you a list of those deserted at Philadelphia but have not one made out, but shall send one by the first opportunity and should be glad to know whether I shall advertise them or not. Y^{rs} L^r.

Madisonburg Jan 8th 1777.

I am favoured with yours of the 8th inst and agreeable to what you recommend, I shall pursue such steps as I think most promising in order to secure the quantity of hemp that will be sufficient for your voyage you want from me, my thanks are due for your offer of assistance in case I should want it, but I flatter myself I have materials that will purchase the quantity mentioned in your last letter, and further than that I desire not to go, Speculation when goods run so high I wish not to meddle with, though should you think it necessary to have a greater quantity than ten tons from me, then indeed I have doubts of my ability to deposit ready money, and nothing but ready cash will go down with those folks. Should any further intelligence be necessary be pleased to communicate it to Sir.

The humble Daniel of St Tho. Lewis's, } Your most Obed^t Servant.
at Annapolis } Chas. Lowndes.

Govt.

January 9th 1777

I inclose you a letter which I received from Col. Bruce and shall be glad you'd send a Commission for Charlton, the very little care taken of our men last fall has a bad effect on the minds of many - I am gentlemen.

The humble Council of Safety } Your most Obed^t Servant
of Maryland } Th. JOHNSON Junr

Sir,

January 9th 1777.

I am favoured with yours along with the Commissions, Doct Buchanan, when I told him you had sent for his Commission, asked me what his pay would be. I answered him, that I did not remember exactly, but believed it to be about 30 or 33 dollars a month. He said that he could not and would not go under fifteen pounds, I told him it would have been proper in him to have known the pay before he asked for the writ. In that it was not in my power to make it better. After this I was applied to by Mr. Thomas Charlton who is desirous of going out as surgeon, I informed him how we are circumstanced with Buchanan and therefore refer him to you Buchanan seemed resolved when I parted from him not to go unless the pay is fifteen pounds, nor would I wish to force him if we can get another. Mr. Charlton's abilities I know nothing of, but they must be poor if they are not equal to Doct Buchanan - You will be so good as to order in this matter, what you think best and oblige Sir