

Noyse, Sheweth, That your petitioners served in the last Campaign
(against the enemies of the United States) in Capt. Scott's Company of George
Smallwood's first Battalion of Maryland Troops, in the quality of serge-
ants and hope no objection can be made to their contract in that Station.
However they expect no particular favours on that account only that as
their worthy Capt. had the misfortune to be kill'd, and as they are wil-
ling and desirous of entering into the service again, they hope your
Honour will permit them to enter in any company they shall best
approve, and not confine them to the same they at present belong
to - And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Thos. Gordon
William Noyse.

January 23^d 1777.

Gentlemen.

Cecil County Jan'y 24th 1777.

Yours of the 14th December came to hand, ordering my Battalion
to hold themselves in readiness: also Brigadier Genl Chamberlaine's dated
the 10th of said month to the same purpose, and the Resolve of Congress re-
lative to their applying to the Committee for assistance. The Comm-
ittee of this County has given no orders.

Colll. Hallingsworth's note by Post, informing the State of
the Battalion, that the best guns had been purchased from us to equip
two companies that has been sent out of it, and that if we were ex-
pected to march, to send us proper arms. He assured what are left w-
uld be made up in us to trust our lives with.

Your last letter dated January the 9th came to hand
the 22^d at night, the Post first carrying it to Philadelphia, char-
ges on it 5/- I am there requested to act in conformity to what
has or may be required by Congress. As their requisition is to the
Committee and at a loss how to act, untill further orders, which
will be obeyed by.

Gentlemen,

The Honble Council of
Safety, Annapolis

Your most Obedt^h - Hum^l Servant
Charles Rumsey

Sirs.

Baltimore January 26th 1777.

I have made bold to draw on you for a large sum, but you
may depend I have a right to part of the draft, and soon shall be for the
whole. Please honour my draft. I am preparing the cargo for the Brig as
fast as possible and laying in provisions for the ship Defence with all kinds of
necessaries, and getting the ship Liddica fit for her cargo. There must
be one new mast and I propose to put her provisions on board for the
voyage. Please let me know if I am to supply Capt. Walker of the Quaker
I have let him have £100 - Mr. Steward says he cannot give you
a State of the account till you let him know the proportion you
(James)