

you towards furthering the expedition to Somerset or Worcester Counties -

Dear Sir.

Strawberry Hill Feby 9th 1777.

I lent last Summer to different companies in Genl Smallwoods' Battalion four and a half bushells of salt, which I shall be obliged to the Council of Safety, to repay me at this time, as I am in want of salt, and you'll oblige your most humble servant. Rich Sprigg.

Mr Howard.

You'll deliver to Mr Sprigg or order the above quantity of Salt. R Bridgely, Esq.

Feb 10th 1777. To Nicholas Thomas Esq at Annapolis

Gentlemen. Prince Georges County in Committee Feb 10th 1777

In answer to yours of date the 4th Inst. inselving the Commissions requested by us, have only to inform you, the Eleventh Battalion met on Thursday last and that nothing in consequence thereof was done. Yours truly, The Honble the Council of Safety

Annapolis } your most Obedt Servts. }
 } Jos: Beall, Chairman - }
 } In Congress Feby 10th 1777. }

Resolved. That it be recommended to the Council of Safety of Maryland to prevent the sailing of all provision vessels while the Enemy's ships of War infest the Bay, as there is the greatest reason to fear they cannot avoid falling into the possession of the Enemy -

By order of Congress. }
 } John Hancock, Pres }
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Humble Quits.

Baltimore Febr 9 10th 1777.

I have agreed to your order, and consistant with a letter to me from Mr Chase, sent of my Tender with ten men. Under the Command of Mr Douglass, who will wait on you for your further orders. The Tender is very foul and not in a condition to cross, I intended to have her cleaned and refitted this week, had she not been engaged on this occasion. I am, Hon^{ble} Gent^{le} your most Obedt Humblst Servt. George Cook.

Humble the Council of Safety of Maryland. }
 } Baltimore County Feby 10th 1777. }

There are in Harford County over Deer Creek, six Companies of Militia. viz. Captains William Hobbs, William Morgan, John Partwick, Mrs. Golley, Alex Rigdon, and Robt Glean not yet formed into Battalion. They have had several meetings in order to recommend the necessary Field Officers, but the consequence has been uproar and contention, and from the best information I can collect they never will agree, as the appointment is in the Council of Safety, or Assembly, it would be well to appoint their Officers immediately, or make them independent Companies. The following Commissions are wanting in Calhalls Battalion. viz for Capt Geo. Ashmead, Edw. Bussey, 2nd Lieut. Nathaniel West, Ensign. Matthew Mc Clintock 1st Lieut. James Walker 2nd Lieut. The eight Battalion hath had a meeting in order to recommend

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