

to inventory so that we wanted a few coils of rope which I have with
the greatest difficulty got, and am getting from Mr. Jux. I had a old
cable of my own and have twice laid it and with a deal of trouble shall
get her away the last of the week or the beginning of the next. Capt. Mac has his
hands which is a matter worth much at this time. From your humble servant,
The Honorable Council of Safety, Annapolis by Jesse Worthingworth

The Honble Council of Safety -

Gentlemen - When I was last at Annapolis, I had the promise of
cloathing for my company. Capt. Fulford had then an order on the commissary of
Stores, to supply the Matroses first, at that time Mr. Howard was so engaged, that
he could not, or would not deliver them. Since that, I sent down Lieut. Moore who
told me he could not get them, at that time he obtained an order for shoes only,
my men are now almost naked, if the cloath for their coats and Sacketts, is not
ready, must beg you would send me an order by Capt. Furraval, on the com-
missary here, for linen for their shirts. I should be glad as soon as conveni-
ent, for the province to have all their cloathing.

I hope you will allow my men, in regard to britches, the same
as Capt. Furravall, that is they are to have leather, and pay out of their
own pockets ten shillings a pair. my men have been very uneasy in regard
to their not having as much pay as Continental Troops, and assure you it will
be very troublesome, keeping them in order. They petitioned you some time
ago. I have now sent in a Petition to the Honble House of Assembly to the same
purpose. I must beg if in your power to assist me to get it granted as soon as
convenient to the Honble House

I should be glad there could be some alterations in the Articles of War
as its out of my power at any time to call a general Court Martial, not having
Officers enough agreeable to our present rules and the Continental Officers say
they have no right to set on Provincial Troops. Let their crimes be what they
will I can punish with only fifteen lashes. I would not by this have you think
one cruel, or that I wish to punish my fellow creatures with more than they
can bear or deserve, but the punishments I am now allowd to inflict is by
no means equal to some of their crimes.

I should have waited on you, but had the misfortune to hurt one
of my legs about three weeks ago, since which have not been able to walk very
little. I am gentlemen,

Baltimore 15th Feb^y 1777. Your most humble servant,
To The Honble Council of Safety Annapolis - Nath^l Smith.

Gentlemen,

The 15th February 1777.

I have sent in my proposals to your Honours for making
shoes for the province Soldiers and request the favour of your answer and want
to get of to Baltimore after leather, and want to be at a certainty what to con-
tract for. am with the great respects Your Honours most obed^t Humble Servant

To The Honble Council of Safety - - - - - Nick Macculbin.