

You will receive by Captain Metcham, two hundred and fifty  
Pounds, out of which you will be pleased to pay for the Defects that  
caused the Soldiers from Baltimore as also for those you sent down to  
Annapolis for that purpose; — we are pleased with your conduct and  
are obliged to you for the assistance you have given us.

We request you will purchase the Timber Mr. Wells may want for  
building the two Gondolas and apply the remainder of the Attorney's pay-  
ment for the same, what more you may have occasion for, shall be  
sent you as you want it — while you are employed in the Public  
Business we really think it unreasonable you should be obliged to  
attend at Musters, it is our desire therefore that you should be exempt  
from that attendance and desire you will signify this to your Officers  
and

We are &c.

July 12. 1776.

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N<sup>o</sup>. 31. To Mr. Charles Ridgley Senr.

Sir,

The Council of Safety would be glad to see you immediately  
on the subject of your Letter.

July 12. 1776.

We are &c.

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N<sup>o</sup>. 32. To The Deputies in Congress.

Gentlemen,

Mr. Hugh the bearer of this has been under Contract  
with the Convention to supply them with Cannon, he has near-  
ly completed with his Contract with us and has run himself and his  
Partners to a pretty considerable expence to get his Works into such  
order as may enable them to cast many more than we shall  
probably want for the use of this Province, the Cannon of his first  
Casting did not stand proof but he has his furnace now in such order  
that the Cannon they cast are very good, — he has been informed that  
the Congress are in want and would willingly contract with them  
and would yet considerably enlarge his Works; Provided the Congress