

Letters from the Council of Safety commencing

12th Day of November 1776 . . .

No. 1. Mr. Samuel Purviance . . .

Sir, Upon enquiry of Mr. Stephen Stewards about water-casks for the use of the armed vessels belonging to this state, we are informed by him that he had purchased thirty two hundred Weights of Iron-Weights for that purpose, which Heaps you had intercepted, and now detain from him - and he is thereby prevented from forwarding that necessary Piece of business. -

This Procedure of yours appears to us to be very extraordinary, and is little out of the common Road. - We are therefore only to request, that you deliver the Weights immediately to Mr. Stewards or his order, that the vessels, which he is fitting out, may not any longer be detained. -

We are &c

Nov 12th 1776

No 2. William Handman Esq. . .

Sir, Inclosed you have copy of the orders of Convention appropriating ten thousand Pounds of the money in your hands for change to public uses. - we request you would send it over by the Bearer, as also about three thousand Pounds more to be used occasionally for changing the old Emission, our money for exchange being nearly expended.

We are &c

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