

safety to send to the Heads of Elms for the subsistence
belonging to this State. — We immediately engaged Capt
for that Purpose, but before they sailed, Purviance advised
us that, a sufficient number were engaged at Baltimore.

By Letter from Mr. Chapin to Captain
Nicholson, which was just now handed to us, we observe that
Seamen are much wanted to man the Frigate, and in consequence
thereof, we have ordered Capt. Cooke to proceed with all
the men, that can be spared from the Defence to Philadelphia,
and there to receive the orders of Congress. — We have
not received a scrip of a Pen either from Congress, or Delegates
or any one of them relative to the Assistance mentioned
to Capt. Cook. — Mr. Dugan, or Capt. Nicholson, and we
cannot help observing to you that applying to Individuals, who
necessarily must apply to the Council of Safety, from whom their
Powers must be derived before they can act, is losing of Time to say
nothing of the want of respect to a body of men with whom
the execution Powers of the State are entrusted.

We are &

P.S. Inclosed you have the Letters we have
sent to the military Officers, and doubt not
but they will do every thing in their Power
to have their men in readiness to march to
Philadelphia, or any other place they
may be ordered to.

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