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[Baltimore Committee to Council]

In Committee Baltimore 7 July 1776.

Gentlemen.

Co<sup>l</sup> Ware having informed us that he had drawn a plan of Fortification to be added to the works at Whetstone Point, we shall be glad to know whether you mean it should be finisht, and if so what further sum of money you will apply to that purpose, and we should be much obliged if you would favor us with the Plan left <sup>with/</sup>you.

I am Gentlman, on behalf of the Committee

Your Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Will<sup>m</sup> Lux V. Ch<sup>n</sup>.

(Nathaniel Smith to Barrister Carroll)

Charles Carroll E'q<sup>r</sup>

Sir:

I recd your order in Council Safety of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>, & Agreeable theretoo, have sent in the Shhooner Resolution, two 18 pounders with all the Aperatus belonging to them, have likewise sent 300 18<sup>lb</sup> Shott, /ditto wads 500 nine pound wads 183 5<sup>lb</sup> Shott which is all I have but expect more in hourelly as soone as they come and have an oportunity will send them down to you.

I have not 200 wads of all the other Sizes.

When Coll<sup>o</sup> Ware left this he desired I woud take care of the Magezine & Laberatory. Major Jones Apply'd to me, to know what the Militia is to do for Catriges in case of an Attack, as the Regulers took away the greatest pasrt of the Catriges when they left this.

my Company are now all employd in the Works here. shou'd be glad to know wheather the Council Safety wou'd allow Major Jones or myself to employ Carefull hands (on Acc<sup>t</sup> of the Province) to make a number of Catriges for the Small armies

I am Sir

Your m<sup>o</sup> Hhble Servt.

Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith

Fort at Whetstone

July 18<sup>th</sup> 1776.

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Charles Carroll E'q<sup>r</sup>

(Nathaniel Smith to Barrister Carroll)

(Barrister Carroll to Council)

Gent. I do not know whether you have received any answer to letter to Phil<sup>a</sup> to your Deputies desiring them to lookout for an Engineer or whether they may be able to get one to come down. I therefore introduce to you M<sup>r</sup> Allcock of Baltimore Town who from ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Character I have of him will be able to do you service. He has been as I am informed of great Help to the Gent<sup>n</sup> of Balt~~####~~ Town. in Designing and Erecting their fortification at Whetstone. He now at my Desire waits on you and will look at all your situations. He keeps a school in this Town and cannot very well spare the Time for his journey. I have therefore prevailed on him to Ride down on a Promise of a compensation for his Time and Trouble. You will on conversing with him judge whether he can be of any Assistance to you as a Designer or otherwise. I fancy it will be Difficult to get Engineers from the Northward, and we must, ~~####~~ in my opinion, avail ourselves of the skill of such as we can meet with among ourselves, tho' their knowledge be not so perfect or complete. I was yesterday at Whetstone and find Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith has five Eighteen Pounders to spare, four of them on High Carriages and the other on a Low Carriage. I think the sooner you get them down to Annap<sup>s</sup> the better. I intended down about the middle of next week but have had a touch of the fever and ague which I believe will keep me up here a little longer.

I am very Respectfully  
Gent. y<sup>r</sup> most obedient, Hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Chas. Carroll.

Mount Clare July 27, <sup>th</sup> 1776.

[Nathaniel Smith to Council]

Gentlemen:

I Recd a letter yesterday, by Order of Council dated the 27th inst from M<sup>r</sup> Du Vall, desiring I would let you know the number of Guns, sent down latley by M<sup>r</sup> Hughes, the two last he sent us was about five weeks ago, Viz<sup>t</sup>--One Eighteen & one nine pounder. I have now only three Eighteen pounders left.

I this morning Rec<sup>d</sup> your order by Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson for five Eighteen Pounders which have delivered, with a number of Shot, &, other Apperatus Acc<sup>t</sup> of which you have inclos'd, there is no nine or Eighteen pounders here but what are mounted except those nine that ware first Cast by M<sup>r</sup> Hughes & not thought fit for use.

Your M<sup>o</sup> Oblidged Hbbl Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith.

Fort at Whetstone  
July 30<sup>th</sup> 1776.

[Council to Hopkins]

To Mr. Gerard Hopkins, Commissary of Stores, Balt.

Sir. We send you up by Captain Walker who commands the small Tender belonging to the Defence some Powder he has brought up from Virginia, the quantity you will be please to take a particular Account of and give Cap<sup>t</sup> Walker a Receipt for; ---The Powder is to be stored in some convenient place in or near Baltimore Town until the Magazine can be completed-- you are to send down Forty half Barrels of Musquet Powder by the Schooner Resolution, also send by her whatever has heretofore ordered to be sent and not already complied with.

We desire you to apply to Captain Nathaniel Smith and enquire whether there be any Cannon at Whetstone Point not mounted, that can be speared, if there should be, send them down here by the Schooner Resolution, also the Skow purchased by Jesse Hollingsworth. We are informed there are some Nine and Eighteen Pounders not mounted lately.

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P. S. Send also any shott that may be ready.

24 August 1776.

[Memorial of Clarke and others.]

October 10, 1776.

The memorial of James Clarke, Robert Christie, Jr., Melchoir Keener, Robert Christie and Oliver White and Robert Johnston, Sheweth.

That early in the month of March your memorialists vessels were sunk at Whetstone point, for the purpose of preventing any of the British Ships of War from coming up to Baltimore Town.

That agreeable to a Resolve of Convention they have already been allowed sums of money for the damage the vessels thus sustained by being sunk.

But that your Memorialists have never received any satisfaction for the times their vessels were employed in that service which was about three and one-half months.

As the matter is referred to the Council of Safety, we would pray that a day may be fixed for our attendance at Annapolis, and that the Bearer may be informed what voucher will be necessary to lay before your Honorable Board.

## [Council to Baltimore Committee]

Gentlemen, Capt. Furnival informs us that some preparations have been made at Whetstone Point for erecting a magazine for securing Ammunition that may be immediately wanted in case of an attack. we take it for granted that something of that sort is necessary, and that the fortification cannot be considered as completed without such magazine. You will therefore take care to have it finished as soon as you conveniently can, before the cold weather comes on to prevent masons from working.

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Committee of Baltimore County.