

This author in a note says that in the village of Wilizca 5 leagues from Cracow there is a Salt Mine whose Inhabitants are so numerous as to found a kind of subterraneous Republic which has its polity laws Families Highway & common carriers Horses & other Cattle to draw the salt to the mouth of the quarry where it is taken up by Engines, & when a traveller arrives he is surprized w<sup>h</sup> a long series of lofty vaults sustained by hugh Pillars cut with a chissel which being Rock salt appear by the incessant light of Flambeaux as so many Chrystals or Gems of various colours casting a lustre which the Eye can scarce bear & that those were first discovered in 1251. Boerh. Chemis. Vol 1 Article Com. Salt. The extent of our Clift is a full half mile & very rich in many places some more so then that first discovered. I have got leave of one of the owners to dig & search as I may think proper & the success you may be assured of having in a clear & true Narrative as soon as possible. The expence I shall take out of the Money in my hands as Supervisor of which I shall just mention & inform you that we have this last week made 8 pounds good large crude nitre.

I am Gent<sup>n</sup> with all due respect

Y<sup>r</sup> Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

E. Johnson.

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[Garrett to Rumsey.]

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Sir. Meeting an opportunity directly to Annapolis by M<sup>r</sup> Paca's vessel I rec<sup>d</sup> a small box Conta. Forty five Bayonets two has been heretofore [received] in the whole 47 hope they will all appear good, two [or three of] them were made before I got the pattern and some [thing dif]ferent. I shall continue to make but my hand [is very s]low at doing them, and could do much more worth [at o]ther Business. I am in hopes you<sup>n</sup> allow all you can for them, I am sure I shall loose at any price as could be given me, but am content to do them as others doe, have been told 8/ was that price be kind enough to fill up the acc<sup>t</sup> to what you allow others and if you would oblidge me so far as to receive the sum and send it up by some of our County Gen<sup>t</sup> it would oblidge as Money is allways Necessary & the having it small bills will best suit for Harvest Money as that times approaching it must be prepared for:

I am Sir your very Hble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Amos Garrett

To Col<sup>o</sup> Benjamin Rumsey.