

c. s. c. attend the Council of Safety. We request you would give the necessary orders to have them sent down so that they may attend here on Wednesday Week. Should they refuse to attend we must proceed in such manner to compel them.

Nov^r 23rd 1776

Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

[Vanbibber and Harrison to Council.]

St. Pierre Nov. 23^d 1776.

Gent.

We wrote you on the 2^d Inst. by Capt. Conway who sailed the 4th with a cargoe consisting of muskets, Powder, woolens, Linnens and Salt to the amount of £3944.. 19.. 10, this currency, which we hope are all or will be soon safe in store with you. We have received your fav^r of the 29th Ult^o by Cap^t Pattison who we have supplied with sundry necessaries for his vessell amounting to £72.. 18.. 3 p^r Rec^t

We are glad to find you were loading out some vessells for us. our creditors are growing importunate and unless paid off soon will be exceedingly clamorous and troublesome. We can with truth affirm that no men can be more desirous to serve their country than we have been and still are, and we would immediately ship to the amount of the 25000£ in such articles as we could get, was there a possibility of raising money of bills, but there is not the least chance of procuring a penny that way. Every man who has money here knows too well the advantage of sending it home in goods.

This being the case our sole dependance must be on remittances from you, which we doubt not of your disposition to forward as quickly as possible. so soon as our old scores are rubbed out we can with more confidence and facility dip a little further for you, tho' it would be greatly for your advantage to get before hand.

Linnens are in great abundance. Powder we are quite overstocked with and some small arms may be bought. But we know of no Brass cannon or Howitzers, and Woolens are yet scarce.

We have just received a parcel of Goods from Bordeaux from M^r M^cCreary among which are some woolens. We would willingly forward them to you by Capt. Pattison, but he being lumbered and bound on a cruse, cannot take them. They shall go by the next opportunity that we like.

The Elizabeth Capt. Sangier got safe into Cha^s Town and sold your Powder there with the Cargoe, and has since arrived here with a fine parcel of rice and Indigo. It has been determined by the opinion of some merchants that we should take