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[J. Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore December 1st 1776.

Sirs.

I have provide for you near 200 bbls of beef which the Buchers have and are delivering every day, the barer M^r Crafford has a parsell of beef barel'd and to barrill which he think very good and wants to sell the quantity hee has is so great that I did not choos to purchase it without your consent if you think so much beef will bee wanted please write and it shall bee puc^d there is no pork yet come to hand but I think there will bee a great number of hogs in this winter for the peoples expectations are up.

If M^r Crafford's beef would do for Capt. Cook sum of Capt. Cook's agents ought to examine it and bee satisfied as to the quality. Capt. Gibbens has saild as low as the Boom Capt Martin will bee loded this week and shall do every thing in my power to get them away but it is hard to bee done, there is a skooner here ownd by Mess^{rs} Morris and Turnbull. Shee is quite new and seems a good vesell her fore timbers are all Mulbery She has all her saills but a flying Gib, new and in good order, good ankers and cabbels I think her a good vesell and fit for sea But the prise is high 14 hundred pound is the prise hee told mee to write she I think will carry near 500 bbls Pleas let mee now what you would have done in this the Capt is waiting for your directions to Capt Cook about the mate. I have a deall of trouble and fear you blame mee for delaying the vesell, but I can lode 20 vesells rather than man and saill 2 the mony paid to Capt^{ns} and sailers is woonderfull and no way to shun it shall send you sum nails as soon as I can but there is no such thing as I now of.

from your friend and
Humble Servant
Jesse Hollingsworth.

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[T. Smyth to Council.]

Chester Town December 1st 1776.

Gentlemen.

This will be delivered you by Robert Read a Black Smith of this Town who waites on the Council to sell them 17 muskets which he has made and carries with him, they seem to be strong and substantial, he proposes contracting with your Board for a good many, he bears the character of an honest man, has some real property in this Town and I believe would be pretty punctual.

I wrote the Council a few days ago that no salt had reached