Baltimore November 5th 1776

Sirs

The Bearer John Giffens has Been in Baltimore this 2 years and has Behaved himself Soben and Well as far as I have heard and is a Industerious Honest Man is Willing to take Charge of the Skooner Friendship and I Believe him fit for the Task he Waits On you to No if it is Agreeable and for your further Orders —

Pleas Let Me No By his Return How Many Bbls of Beef I Must have Salted for you and the Particular of the Cargo you Wants have Put On Board the friendship — the Resolution has her flour On Board and her Bread is Ready — I Must Put 20 hhd of Tobacco 350 bbls of flour and fill up With Bread On Board the Resolution and 20 hhd Tobacco and the Bread and 2 third flour for the Friendship — as By your former Orders if I Receive No Other Shall Obey Orders With Cast Mountain for your Humble Servant

Jesse Hollingsworth

Sir the Bearer John Giffens has been in Baltimore this 2 years and has behaved himself soben and well as far as I have heard and is a Industerious Honest Man is willing to take Charge of the Skooner Friendship and I Believe him fit for the Task he waits on you to No if it is Agreeable and for your further Orders

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