Gentlemen Baltimore 10th March 1776

96 I am now hear Letting my Self for publick
Service for the Virginia State: with Congress fully intended to have
waited on your Honours in hopes of geting credentials to
the Committee of Safety of Philada or Lancheste, in order
to obtain some of the Prisoners, to work at my Gun factory
if any workmen should be among them that would suite
for either finishing or Lockmaking, Should your Honours
think fitt to furnish me with a Regues for this sort to either
=er of the above Committees for elsewhare as seem to you
best I shall with pleasure wait on them, and use my
Indeavour to obtain, and set to work such workmen,
I am in the greates want of locks for the Large pieces
which is the Reason for troubleing you at present, as I
fear they will be much wanted next Campain
I Congratulate your Honours on the Great God
News but Have not time, particulers Shall be
hear till the Return of the Bearer, and am

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Gentlemen

To the Honourable
the Comeil of Safety of
Mary Land

your Most Obt Humble
H Hollingsworth

P S: I mean to go to Lancheste[r] next week in order to
get a Large grind stone for the Gun Mill, Should therefore thank
your Honours for the Credentials above, by the Bearer
who I shall wait the Return of