Sr Baltimore Augst 11th 1777

I take this Opportunity of Acquainting Your excellency — that the decks of the Galley (now on the Stocks) have been Ready for Planking this time past, But I have not proceeded as Mr Hollingsworth told me You Were Shortly to be in Baltimore & that I did Not Chuse to Go on, Without Your Excellencies Approbation, 21 Bar Iron has advanced to £100 per Ton — Please to send Your Directions per Bearer, Which Shall be punctually Complied With & am With Great Respect

Your Excellencies Most Humble Servant

George Wells

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