

Jonathan Boucher to George Washington, August 18, 1770, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM THE REVEREND JONATHAN BOUCHER.

ANNAPOLIS Aug: 18th. 1770.

SIR

Jack comes a Day or two sooner than I intended, in Consequence of an Invitation from Mr. Galloway, & Mr. Magowan, to go to West River, which He does this Day.—He brings you some Samples, which I hardly expect will please. Mr. Antho. Stewart¹ has a Cargo just arrived, not yet opened, in which, He says, are Assortmts. of Coating: Shou'd You rather incline to wait for a Choice out of These, if You will be so good as to give Me Yr. Directions, I will endeavour to attend to Them.—Their common Rate of selling, for ready Money is at 100 per Cent, which I think is cheaper than with You.—A Vessel will clear out from hence for London, in abt. a Week or ten Days. I will be careful of any Letters You may want to put on Board.

They are still going on wth. thr. Subscripn. for clearg. ye. Potomac, &, as I am told, wth. Spirit. Four hundred pounds are subscribed in this City; nor have They yet got all They expect. Messrs. Jacques & Johnson set off for Frederick to-morrow, & talk of fixing a Day for a general Meeting, before They return. Will it be convenient & agreeable to You to attend—about a Month hence, if You have Notice in Time—at the Spot, i: e: at, or near Semple's?

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Dr. Ross yesterday shew'd Me a Letter He had just recd. from Croghan at Pittsburg, which informs Him that a new Government is certainly determin'd upon in that Western World² & that either Coll: Mercer³ or one Mr. Wharton⁴ are to be appointed Governor. He speaks of its Boundaries &c wth. Certainty, as a Matter of Fact. Have You heard of it—& the Particulars? It will be an immense Acquisition, if not immediately to the Wealth, certainly to the Strength of these Governments—& a fine Field for a projectg. Spirit to advertise in.

I am, Sir, yr. most Obedt. Hble Servt. JONAN. BOUCHER

1 Anthony Stewart of Annapolis, proprietor of the brig Peggy Stewart, burned by the owner at Annapolis in October, 1774, for carrying tea.

2 Walpole's grant.

3 George Mercer.

4 Samuel Wharton.