Plate 2


Courtesy, The Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum.
Plate 3

A Catoctin fireplace, possibly a product also of John Brien's proprietorship. Note the bellflower motif seen also in Plate 2 and similarly embossed letters. This fireplace was last purchased in New Market, Maryland.

Plate 4

Undated "Catoctin Furnace" Stove. The plate configuration and the bold embossing suggest this stove may have been a product of the 1830-1845 era.

Courtesy, Mrs. G. Eugene Anderson, Thurmont.
Plate 5

Undated stove attributed to Catoctin Furnace.

Collection of G. Eugene Anderson
Plate 6

Miscellaneous articles attributed to Catoctin Furnace manufacture.

Collection of G. Eugene Anderson
Plate 7

c.1927 view of "Catoctin Manor" from southeast.

Courtesy, Mr. William Renner
Plate 8

The mansion at Catoctin Furnace as it looked c.1935.

 Courtesy, American Iron & Steel Institute
Plate 9
The "Deborah" Furnace

Photo courtesy American Iron & Steel Institute
Plate 10

Upper Mine after introduction of steam shovel (c.1905).

Courtesy, American Iron & Steel Institute
Plate 11

1948 view of Catoctin Furnace.

*Courtesy, Eleutherian Mills, Hagley Foundation*
Plate 12

1948 view of Manor House, Catoctin Furnace.

Courtesy, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library
Plate 13

Fence at 105 Council Street, Frederick, originally the home of John McPherson

National Heritage
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Document 1

Contract with James Johnson, Catoctin Furnace, for 10 inch shells

Microfilm printout
RG93, NARS, #29632
Roll 103, Frames 227-8
It is agreed between Capt. Daniel Joy, by virtue of Orders from the Board of
This in consequence of Resolutions of the Honble. Congress, on behalf of the
United States, and James Johnson on behalf of himself and Partners in the
casting Furnace, that the said James Johnson & Partners will immediately
use their best endeavors to prepare for casting ten SUCH Shells, and will if they
are successful, proceed and prosecute the casting of such Shells
for the use of the United States till the fifteenth day of next Month, according
to the Draft and directions given by the said Daniel Joy and will from time
to time have Wagons for the Carriage of the said Shells to Baltimore Town when
they are to be delivered to the Continental Master. For all of which Shells are
delivered at Baltimore Town which shall be good. The said James Johnson and
Partners are to be paid fifty pounds of Ten Shells in specie, or good Bills, Doles
to be reckoned at seven Shillings each piece and Goods in proportion or in
Continental Money at the real difference at the time of Payment. One half of
the money to be paid on the delivery of the last pair of Shells made on or before
the said 15th day of October next, and the other half of the money to be paid with
interest at the rate of six per cent on the 15th day of October, seventeen hundred
and eighty-one. Besides which price one fourth part of the price of the Carriage
is to be returned to the said James Johnson & Partners, at the time of the first
Payment—September 1st 1781—James Johnson
Daniel Joy.
Document 2

Letter, sworn statement and bill pertaining to thirty loads of bombshells for ten inch mortars sent to Baltimore by James Johnson & Co. before October 28, 1780

Electrostatic copy of original
RG93, NARS, #29633
I have received of Jesse Shitte, Town of Baltimore, a member of Bomb Shutes, for ten Shutes, better and more complete than the Shutes, the last delivery being on the twenty-first day of the last October, and for such delivery having given a receipt, witness my hand at Baltimore, where this Indenture was made, the 28th day of October 1780.

David Poe.

Baltimore, 3rd day of November 1780.

George Duff made oath before me, one of the Justices of the Peace for Baltimore County, that he has for some time past transported and still transports, Business for James Johnson and Company, and that he was present to the taking in hand of Bomb Shutes from the Cattonia Furnace, to Baltimore Town, and also to the place of the Carriage and that the Shutes were dispatched by reason or necessity in many of the instances he having paid the money for the Carriage, if any, he performed the service, and as he has good reason to believe and does believe, in every instance was two hundred and fifty pounds, stating 500 at six Shutes, and 100 at 5 Shutes, as requested each by the Lord, and that in the Book of Acts of the said James Johnson, which are and were kept by him, the same thirty load, and one D. of Shutes, and that the money paid and payable for the said Carriage does amount to four thousand five hundred and two pounds, ten Shutes, sworn to before me the 28th day of October 1780.

The United States, 3d James Johnson & Co.

[Signature]

7th of October 1780, to 9th of October 1780, 10 Shutes Bomb Shutes made and sold to David Poe, according to Contract with Capt. Say by order of the Board of War, average at 70 for each, 300 for 10 Shutes, 750 for 10 Shutes, 10 Shutes to be repaid is £2, 150. 15
Document 3

Ordnance Return at Different Posts for year 1781

Microfilm printout
RG93, NARS, #21821
Roll 73, Frame 311
The memorial of Geo. Johnson, James Johnson, Baker Johnson & Roger Johnson

That your memorialists, in consideration of a Resolve of Congress made a contract with a certain Capt. Dan Joy for the casting of 100 Bomb Shells for the United States, that in pursuance of the contract so made (a copy of which is hereto annexed) your memorialists had made and delivered at Baltimore Town to Capt. David Poe

10000 mny hundred fifty eight Bomb Shells weighing 120 lbs. each (a copy of which is hereto annexed) that a considerable part of the said Shells were made use of at the siege of York and that not now remain in Baltimore Town in the possession of the said Poe; that your memorialists have used a very small part of their money and were prevented from a settlement of their account by pretended apprehensions that the Shells remaining were faulty, to obviate the difficulty of objection, your memorialists have found from disinterested gentlemen of skill to have the whole of said Shells made in Baltimore amounting to 100, ten of which only appear to be faulty; your memorialists with great submission apprehend upon every principle of justice they ought to be paid for the whole
of the Shells which are good and are paid to
the Commissioners for settling the cost
in Maryland to liquidate the claim of your
memorialists.

Mr. Johnson on Cony. McFie's might have
some evidence against the landings of
said Shells, but refused to settle and
liquidate the cost of your memorialists.

Your memorialists therefore pray that
Mr. Monroe may be directed to settle and
liquidate their account with the United States, that
your memorialists may receive either money
or a certificate for the Balance due them.

Signed

A. Johnson for himself

Partners
Document 5

Letter from Secretary of War Henry Knox to John White, Commissioner of Accounts for State of Maryland, December 26, 1785, showing 1780 account for James Johnson had not yet been satisfied. (transcribed)

Revolutionary Records, Agent's Letter Book, L:15, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland
War office December 26, 1785

Sir

I have received your favor of the 14th instant respecting the Account lodged in your office by Messrs James Johnson & Co for shells furnis'd the United States on contract in the year 1780.

I imagine the contract by which the shells were cast must have stipulated the manner of proof -- I have writen [sic] to Mr Hodgdon to furnish me with information upon this subject which as soon as I shall receive I will communicate further with you and if necessary forward a description of the mode by which the shells must be proved before they can be received as public [sic] property.

I am

Sir

Your Obedt humbl Serv --

H. Knox

John White Esq
Comm'r of Acct
State of Maryland

HR
Rev Records
Agents Ltr. Bk. L:15
Document 6

1836 consignment for superintendent of Frederick Depot.

Electrostatic copy courtesy of B&O Archives, Museum of Transportation, Baltimore
Salt Creek Furnace Sept. 2, 1836.

The Superintendent of the furnace Dept.

The have sent you for John Smitty one box

of loading Hawk shot, which you will please

forward to the cest. By Thompson & Son Merchants

Baltimore

J. A. Price & Co.

J. E. Thompson