

Fells Point near the ship and shall get several cannon mounted on it by 8 oClock. Major Gist & the Regulars are all marched to Whetstone to intrench tonight The Militia are coming in, no commissary is in town to furnish Provisions, we have therefore directed some Beef & Bread to be provided. We have just got information that the Ship of War is at the Mouth of the River with her Tenders, the ship came to an anchor, but the Tenders kept under sail, we fear M^r Hudsons ship will fall into their Hands as she is aground near North Point, three vessells went to lighten her, but seeing the war vessels they would not stay. We want money & hope you will send us immediately what you may think adequate to the present occasion. We shall take every measure we think necessary for our preservation. And are Gentⁿ

Your most obed^t Servt^s

Sam^l Purviance Jun^r Chairⁿ Will^m Lux,
Jn^o Cockey John Moale And. Buchanan,
Will^m Aisquith W^m Buchanan

M^r Usher just now arrived from Head of Elk & brings us advice of 36 Bls powder & 12 chests of Arms being arrived there & being put on board a Pilot boat w^h we sent off express yesterday, & who had our orders to run into Gunpowder or Back River in case any appear^e of Danger. We are Gentⁿ

Yours &c. Sam^l Purviance Jun^r

To the Hon^l the Council of Safety of M^d

[Purviance to Jenifer.]

C. S. C.

Dear Sir: I did not know until I had finished the inclosed that the bearer did not intend to call on M^r Carroll as that letter represents our present situation I thou^t it as well it should go forw^d to you. I hope in god by tomorrow night to furnish you a good acco^t of the tenders & Hudsons ship, & that the issue of this affair will reflect some little Honour on the spirit of Maryland: At 3 oclock yest^d our Militia companies in town were paraded at the Comm^{ee} room when at the very Ins^t a false alarm came from the point that the ship of wars boats were standing up to cut of some empty ves^{ls} we had collected & got ready to sink across the river at Whetstone in case the ship should come up before we could get our breast works & the ship defence completed. A deputⁿ of the Comm^{ee} were appointed to sit & give all orders before the alarm spread, but such was the ardor of the Militia that not a man w^d stay in commee room with me but M^r Harrison; The ardor & spirit of our inhabitants has convinced me they