

[R. Beall to Council.]

Original.

Head Quarters Drum Point May 29<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gent<sup>a</sup> Some time ago, I wrote to your Honors, for our subsistance money, by Lieutenant Haulkerson, that he inform<sup>d</sup> me you could not determine the subsistance, for the want of a fuller house, should be glad you'd send over subsistance due till this date, from the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, by M<sup>r</sup> Ristor or any safe opportunity. I am Gent<sup>a</sup> Your m<sup>o</sup> obt<sup>t</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Rezin Beall

[Nicholson to Council.]

Original.

Ship Defence off Point Lookout May 29<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentle<sup>a</sup> Your order of the 25<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> came to hand yesterday noon 3 oClock I was then off Wecomoco, about an hour after we imagine the Governors boat past us, the Commadore still continued at anchor, but as the weather was thick imagine the boat past her (Commadore): The other two ships that was under way stood into the mouth of Rappahanock & supposed anchor'd, as we stood off and on all the ebb and did not see them come out again. It blow'd very fresh & imagin'd they woud weigh again on the flood to chase me, which woud have given them a great advantage, therefore woud have gone into Wecomoco, but the Governors boat passing me at an Anchor off the Mouth, made me conclude to beat all night at a Risque, since which have not seen them. I shall make the best of my way up & expect we shall have a southerly wind, in which case should the Enemy be standing up the Bay, its necessary I should have the orders as early as possible, where you would have the ships go to. We did not discover any more vessels then 3 ships & a smaller vessel which supposed was a Tender.

I am Gent<sup>a</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Most oblidge Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> &c.

James Nicholson

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1776.

C. S. J.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 2 was sent to Cap<sup>t</sup> James Nicholson of the Ship Defence, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 3 to Cap<sup>t</sup> Duncan Hill.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Cap<sup>t</sup> Duncan Hill fifteen Pounds Currency to defray the Expences of the Carriage of Flour from the Cherry Stones across Northampton County in Virginia for a Vessel going to the West Indies on Account of the Province.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to the Clerk twenty