

C. S. C. several men of war were at an anchor off Windmill Point, above the mouth of Rhapah^k and we are glad that you have given us certain advice what vessels they are.

If Lord Dunmore expects to meet with more favour in Maryland than he has experienced in Virginia, he will, we trust be greatly disappointed.

2^d June 1776

No. 7.

[Council to Nicholson.]

To Captⁿ James Nicholson.

Sir. We received y^{rs} dated this morning off the harbour, and are pleased to hear that you was gone past to Baltimore. We would have you make the best preparation you can to repel any attack that may be made by our Enemies on either the fortifications or town of Baltimore. We received this morning an express from Virginia informing us that Lord Dunmore had sailed from Norfolk up the bay with his fleet joined by the Roebuck and we apprehend the ships you saw off the Wind-mill Point are Part of that Fleet.

2^d June 1776.

Original.

[Ware to Council.]

Baltimore May 31st 1776.

Gentlemen: The bearer will produce to the board three Gun Locks sent by M^r Messer Smith for your inspection, Who tells me he has now twenty five more finished off, and if the public will Encourage him properly he can furnish ten or twelve p^r week I believe the Encouragement he expects is three dollars p^r Lock, if you approve of the work and price, please let me know by a line, and I will order him to employ all his hands in that business. I am under the necessity of soliciting a sum of publick money to be lodged in the hands of some Gentleman in or near this place to discharge contingencies as I find it impossible to furnish our hospital with proper necessarys for the sick such as milk Vegetables &c without ready money. There are also blankets wanting for the sick which cannot be got without the money, I have been obliged to borrow twenty odd pounds since I come here to pay the people who are at work on our tents, tent poles, beds for the sick, &c &c. Who are chiefly needy and must have a little money to go to market. I am Gentlemen very Respectfully
Your obed^t Hum^l Serv^t Fran^s Ware.

Original.

[Hall and others to Council.]

Gentⁿ We take the liberty of informing you that the