

of the 14 Regiment & about 500 negroes on Gwin's Island, the Roebuck of 44 guns, 20. 18 pounders & 22. 9 pounders & 2. 6 pounders—the Otter sloop of 14. 6 pounders & have about 40 men, the Roebuck has about 270 men. The Fowey 22 guns, 20. 9 pounders & 2. 18 pounders 100 men The Fin-castle sloop tender 10. 4 pounders 35 men Lieu^t Wright. Lady Susanna Bridges Goodrick 4. 3 pounders, 2. 2 pounders, 20 men, The John Witworth 4. 3 pounders, 4 swivels 12 men, the Lady Gower, Captⁿ not known, 4 Brass 3 pounders 14 men. Lady Augusta 2. 2 pounders & 6 swivels 15 men. N. B. 26 of the Roebucks Marines & says that Dunmores ship has 6. 3 pounders 4 wall pieces about 6 white men & 25 negroes, men & women, about 20 sail of ships, Brigs & about 80 sail of small vessels.

Dear Sir: A Call in midwifery prevented my complying with my promise of sending to you the acc^{ts} of our Militia which you will receive herewith I am fearful of being blameable in endorsing them as the Committee gave no orders but, I do hereby certify that I set as clk to the Committee of observation the day they were examined and allowed & this you may give as my private testimony if needful:

I am dear Sir, Y^r Hble. Serv^t

Calvert County June 22^d 1776.
To L^t Co^l Alex^r Somerville:

E. Johnson.

[E. Johnson to Council.]

Original.

Gentlemen: I rec^d your favour of the 19 moment p^r post and shall directly fulfil your desire in making the Experiment into the Clifts on this River that I informed you produced salt, since which I am informed that many of the neighbours both whites & blacks make what they want for use, and for your satisfaction shall give you some Extracts from that great & divine Philosopher Herman Borhaave to prove that Fossil or Rock Salt, Spring or Fountain Salt, & Sea Salt are alike in Virtue & may be any or all of them used either in the Medical or Culinary art, & therefore salt prepared either from earth or water may be safely used if to be obtained: These three salts (viz' Rock Salt, Spring Salt, Sea Salt) tho diff^r in their origin are all of the same nature 1st they all dissolve in the same quantity of water in proportion to their weight. 2^d Resolve spontaneously in the air: 3^d Produce Chyrystals alike: 4th If added to aqua fortis they enable it to dissolve aurum. 5th They yield in distillation an acid spirit. 6th When dissolved in air deposite a great quantity of Earth. 7th They all crackle in the fire & lastly they afford no alcali nor are altered by putrefaction.