

ward, and we must, in my opinion, avail ourselves of the skill of such as we can meet with among ourselves, tho' their knowledge be not so perfect or complete. I was yesterday at Whetstone and find Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith has five Eighteen Pounders to spare, four of them on High Carriages and the other on a Low Carriage. I think the sooner you get them down to Annap<sup>s</sup> the better. I intended down about the middle of next week but have had a touch of the fever and ague which I believe will keep me up here a little longer.

I am very Respectfully

Gent. yr most obedient, Hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Mount Clare July 27<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Chas. Carroll

[Somerville to Council.]

Original.

Calvert County July 27<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen:

I received orders from Coll<sup>o</sup> Mackall (who is now at St<sup>t</sup> Georges) yesterday, to send a company of our Militia to S. Mary's to relieve the Company now stationed there, which I shall do without loss of time. As Capt<sup>n</sup> John Brooke his first Lieutenant & Ensign have enrolled the number of men directed by Convention to intitle them to their commissions, I would humbly beg leave to ask if it would not contribute greatly to the Ease of our Militia if they were ordered to be stationed either at Drum Point or down in S<sup>t</sup> Marys in lieu of the Companys of malitia now at them places untill such time as your Honours may think proper to order them otherwise.

I am Gent Your Mo: obd<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Alx. Somerville

[Rumsey and Hollingsworth to Council.]

Original.

Cecil County July 27<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen.

The Bearer Capt. John Oglevie finding Capt. Alexander had not made up his compliment of men by the 20<sup>th</sup> Instant, and being zealous in the cause, proposed to march with his Company or with such a part of them as could with conveniency leave their homes; upon which in a few days time he had the number inroled agreable to his Return, hope they will be Excepted as they are a parcel of active, stout, willing men.

We are Gent yr mo: obd<sup>t</sup> Hble: Serv<sup>t</sup>

Charles Rumsey

H. Hollingsworth.