

I receive your Orders, or untill Captⁿ Bealls Return. The Ships of War, Tenders &^c was this Morning lying off between St^t Mary's River & Point Look Out, & it is reported by some Desserters from thence that they intend to Land on St. George's Island in the mouth of St^t Mary's River. Capt. Beall desired me to Inform you of his Marching, and desires your Orders how he shall proceed. Coll^o Barnes could not get an Express to carry his Letter to you in St. Mary's, therefore sent it this Way & expects to receive your Answer the same way, which I will send him as soon as it comes: I shall go to Drum Point in the morning & you may Depend I'll do all in my Power to prevent their Landing in this County; if they should alter their Course, so as to come up the Bay or into to Patuxent; this Express is to be paid from Drum Point to Annapolis which is about sixty five miles, & by whom I expect your Orders, which shall be punctually Obeyed.

P. S. A messenger will be waiting at the late Capt Carrolls Dwelling House to morrow Evening to receive your Answer to Colo Barne's letter. You will be pleased to direct what number of Militia are to be kept on Duty in this County & what number of Officers.

I am Gent Your Mo: obed^t Hble Serv^t
Alex Somervill.

[Dorsey to Council.]

Original.

Gentlemen: Capt. Riggs waits on you with a company of Melisha, out of my Battalion. The extream busy time has prevented my being able to send them sooner. I hope they will be releaved by the Flying Camp in a Few days. If they are not, I purpose to Releave them by another company out of the Battalion.

July 14th 1776.

Am Gentlemen your mo: Humb^{le} Serv^t
Thomas Dorsey.

[Hanson to Jenifer.]

Original.

Frederick Town July 14th 1776.

Sir. The mode pointed out by the Convention for arming the men now raising for the Continental Service, I am afraid will prove ineffectual. The people are much averse to parting with their Arms unless they are immediately paid for them, and we know of no resolve authorizing such purchase. Should there be any such be pleased to order a Copy to be sent, or if your Hon^{ble} Board should think proper to order such guns as may be necessary to be bought up. I think the men would