

c. s. c. and what few Regulars may be in their neighbourhood to march into Somerset. We have also wrote to Col^o Gist (who offered his service) at Baltimore to move forward with some militia and Regulars in case you approve. We have also wrote to Capt. Campbell to assist with the Enterprize and to call upon us for orders as Col^o Gist has also direction to do. our assembly will then we expect be sitting, and shall lay the despatches before them and obey its commands in the further prosecution of this Business.

For & on behalf &^c

John Hancock Esquire

[Council to Jeremiah Holden.]

Sir. We are informed that you have a schooner which sails well and will carry about 4 or 500 Barrells of flour, if you incline to let us have her on freight to the West Indias, we will take her of you and insure her to the sum she may be valued at, her loading is now ready at Baltimore Town. Let us hear from you by return or by some earlier opportunity.

We are y^r most Obed. Serv^{ts}

To Cap^t Jeremiah Holden

[B. Tabbs to Jenifer.]

Gentⁿ

February 3^d 1777.

The soldiers in Lawrance's Barracks are breaking out fast with the Small Pox. I am told they have all had it except eight or ten. I think it will be the best way to move them to the poor House and inoculate them immediately. If they are suffered to remain in the Barracks and take it in the natural way, the greater part will certainly be lost. There has been five sent up within this two days, and I dont expect above one will be saved. There can be nothing else expected, considering their way of living. Those who were inoculated are in a very good way, but the poor fellows who has it in the natural way, are in the most horrid situation.

I am Gent,

Your most obedient Serv^t

Dan^l of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq. President. B. Tabbs.

P. S. There has no one broke out except in the Barracks before mentioned this twelve days past.

[Robert Harrison to Council.]

Gentⁿ

Dorchester County Feby 3^d 1777.

I have now to acknowledge your favor of the 25th ult. covering an order on the Eastern Shore Treasurer for £250, which probably may be more than I may have occasion to