

for the trouble you have taken in sending it, but as its ill convenient for me to accept of it, have return'd it you again. if the Linganore Battalion marches I shall march with it, but not in the capacity of a field officer. I am, Sir

Your very humble Servant,  
Ephraim Howard.

Friday, January 3. 1777.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 82 to Doct<sup>r</sup> Edward Johnson, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 83 to the Committee of Calvert County.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver Captain James Tootell six Bushels of Salt.

James Lloyd Chamberlaine Esq. was appointed a member of the Council in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Hemsly, who declined acting.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 84 was sent to his Excellency Patrick Henry Esquire, Governor of Virginia.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Dr. E. Johnson.]

C. S. C.  
No. 82.

January 3<sup>d</sup> 1777

Sir, We have many of our soldiers here ill with what we believe and apprehend to be the Camp-Fever. Hearing of your superior skill and abilities, particularly in that disorder, we are compelled by duty and Humanity to call upon you for your assistance to these unhappy and distressed sufferers. We [need] not remind you that immediate Attendance is necessary, and are &c.

To Doctor Edw<sup>d</sup> Johnson.

[Council to Calvert Committee.]

No. 83.

Gent. Mr. John Weems hath applied to our board to be released against some fines imposed on him, for not serving in the militia; he alleges that he is much afflicted with the Gravel and other complaints, and therefore not an able body'd man, and in confirmation of his Allegation produced a certificate from Doct<sup>r</sup> Johnson with gravel stones that has passed through him. We apprehend his application to be most proper to the General Assembly, and trouble you with this at present to request you would take care that no violence be offered to him until he has an opportunity of being heard, he thinks