

c. s. c. ing for you, owing to the great advance in price of wood wages provisions &c that we have been obliged to make an entire stop of bakeing your flour in my hands, which am sorry for, at the time, I began to bake for you, wood was bought from 8/ to 10/ p^r Cord, and most other articles in proportion, we have been obliged all this winter to give from 20/ to 30/ for wood, and much such prices for every thing else, however the bearer M^r Hollingsworth can inform you, better than I can of the rise of almost every necessary of life, and the impossibility of Bakeing now for you at 3/ p^r hund^d I imagine we have got baked of your flour ab^t one thousand barrels, & have yet on hand about four or five hundred Barrels yet unbaked which wish was baked as its growing very bad. I have a Brig laying in Boston, New England that will carry abo^t twelve hundred barrels of flour, a fine vessel & well found, have a good man as master for her that can be much depended on as to conduct and attachment to our cause I would perpose either selling her or chartering to you, which if we could agree would have her order'd round immediately, and as she is a small vessel and counted a very fast sailor, do think we could get her round with considerable safety for if the Kings Ships were in our Bay of which she could hear at the Capes, must then go into Chincoteague Sinnapuxent, or some other inlet there. You' please take this into your consideration and give me an answer in two or three days, when I expect to be with you in Annapolis for that purpose, as also to see what is to be done with the rest of your flour in my hands.

And am Gentⁿ your most Obed^t humb^l Serv^t
Cumb^d Dugan.

[Calvert Committee to Council.]

Calvert County March 6th 1776.

At M^r Thomas Cleverly Dare's on the Clifts. Whereas a man of war supposed be twenty guns or upwards & two tenders the one a sloop the other a schooner both armed vessels have anchored off this shore yesterday afternoon (the man of War ab^t 6 miles off the tenders close in shore within one mile) with design as is suspected that is Inimical to this neighbourhood having taken a new england vessel yesterday noon at the mouth of this river. The Committee consisting of the following Gentⁿ viz^t Col Ben Mackall Major Ja^s Wilkinson Mess^{rs} Sam Hance, Edw^d Reynolds Walter Smith, Kenzy Johns, D^r Ja^s Gray & D^r E. Johnson & M^r Ja^s Hcighc. M^r Hance in the Chair

E. Johnson Clk.