

c. s. c. will behave bravely. I never was better pleased than at their conduct on the Alarm, I am convinced we shall in a very short time have our town in a very respectable state of defence, & that will be convinced th^t care of us will not be thrown away in our [case]. I never saw the Barrister in better spirits than yesterday, He was immediatly at the point on the Alarm being spread. Cap^t Sam^l Smiths whole Company as I believe are gone volunteers on board Nicholson & many others w^d have gone had he room or service for them. By a proposal w^h our Commee offered betwⁿ 3 & 4 oClock yest^d of giving 8 Dllr^s p week for two weeks to any brave sailors w^h w^d instantly go on board we in less than half an hour got near a dozen brave fellows & several masters of ships to go on board & in half an hour after had the ship under way: And several others offer to go in the Sch^r I found this bold stroke absolutely necessary as the ship was really poorly off for sailors & the Cap^t seemed to have no great depend^e on his marines. Your letter with the thous^d pounds by Cap^t Hyde I rec^d before sunset. I hope you will be perfectly easy ab^t y^r Safety at Annapolis. Im certain Nicholson will at least give the otter a Convoy past y^r post, for Gods sake let not the Cont^s of my letter to the barrester be made too public, lest any Intellig^{ce} should be conveyed to Cap^t Squire to apprize him of our designs

Im D^r Sir. Your very respectful hble Serv^t

Sam^l Purviance Jun^r

To the Hon^l Dan^l of S^t Thomas Jenifer Esq^r

[Wickham to Council.]

Gent. I am Confined (as I understand by your order) should be glad to know what charge against me, as I am ready to answer. I have business of some consequence to do at Malborough therefore if Convenient to you would take my trial this afternoon. I apprehend that in all Criminal Cases the Culprit is so far indulged as to have a Copy of the Charge against him and his accusers face to face. I have the honor to be Gen^t Your very humble Servant

Alexander Wickham

Annapolis Guard house 8th March 1776.

[Dorsey to Jenifer.]

Sir. Rec^d yours by express shall collect my Battalion with all speed and repair to Baltimore Town, with all speed, I Hope to be at Town by two oClock this day, I have the Honor to be
sir

Your Humble Serv^t

Friday 7 oClock Elk Ridge:

Thomas Dorsey.

To the Hon^l Dan^l of S^t Tho^s Jenifer.