

one Ton of Powder for our Province. We have dispatched the Powder to Chris Bridge as Waggon are not to be had here & have wrote different Gent at the Bridge & Head of Elk to assist in forwarding the Powder to Balt. Town.

We are Gen^t Your very affect friends & servt^s

Th. Johnson R. Alexander.

To the Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland :

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[Haslett to Council.]

May it please your Honours Gentlemen of the Council you will see by the inclosed the vacancy that has happened in my company and for what reason I would beg leave to request the favour of you to remove M^r Christopher Driver from being ensign to be first Lieut & M^r Robert Postelwait to be ensign for said Company all which I hope will turn out for good to the Common case.

I am Gentlemen

Your very humble Serv^t W^m Haslett

Caroline County Choptank Bridge March 9th 1776.

[Birkhead to Chew.]

Dear Sir. As we are informed by a man from M^r Steward this morning that the man of war is gone to Baltimore your friends here desires that you will return as soon as possible if can get of and we never have stood in so much danger as at this time for we expect by the man of War and tenders that is below to be on us every minute and nobody to stand by us M^r Steward has got all his company along the swamp so we see no reason why we should not have ours so and we pray and beg that you will return with all speed by the request of all your neighbours.

From your ready friend,

March 9th 1776.

Samuel Birkhead

P. S. All the families on the bay is moving away we expect to be cut of every hour.

To Cap^t Richard Chew :

[Barrister Carroll to Jenifer.]

My dear Major. I write to the Council yesterday morning w^h I hope they have received since that yours of yesterday evening came to hand at three oClock this morning I immediately dispatched it to the Committee of Balt Town and M^r Purviance tells me he wrote you an answer. We got the Ship