

Defence into the river this morning and she has retaken Mr c. s. c. Hudson's ship and now lies in the river a little below her, under no great apprehension I fancy of the otter. We had intelligence this afternoon that Squires had run on ground on the Bodkin Point, I hope it may be true, if it should prove so we may perhaps add one more ship to our stock. We are getting a Tender ready that will mount 8 or 10 carriage guns 3 pounders she with the Defence will I think be a match for the otter and her Companions. I am Positive Nicholson & his ships Company think so, a set of finer or more spirited fellows I really never saw, & if we can, as I hope we shall, get the tender ready by to morrow mor^s they will push for an engagement & I really am not in much doubt of success. I cannot conceive that the council of safety can be prejudiced in the opinions of the Gen^t of Baltimore by any insinuations against their conduct by Mr Ruben or any other person, I have not heard them say a single word against the Governm^t sending Mr Eddis on board the Otter (tho I confess I wish some other person had been pitched upon) on the Contrary I believe they think the delay occasioned by that step was advantageous to them. I am sure I think it was very much so, I really had myself extremely fatigued with this Constant Hurry of Business, Indeed I am almost ready to sink under it, however I will push for Annapolis if possible the moment things are settled here.

I am sincerely D^r Maj^r y^r affect. Hble Serv^t
Mount Clare March 9th 1776 Charles Carroll
To the Honble Dan^l of S^t Thomas Jenifer Esq^r

[John to Richard Chew.]

Dear Brother. I am at my moth^s now moveing her furnature there is a man of war at the mouth of the river and two tenders. I hope you will let me know by a line how the case is is with you my mother has sent a boy with six blancoats

From your affec^t Brother. John Chew.
March 9th 1776.

Peggy and child is well Mamas love to you all dont let Lockey enrolle.
To Cap^t Richard Chew.

[Report of Weem's Battalion.]

The return of the 31st Battalion under the Command of Col^o John Weems now at London Town viz^t