

c. s. c. You shall have a full State of Facts relative to our late interesting Situation by the next Post. This we give you in a hurry.

11th March 1776

[Galloway to Council.]

Gentlemen.

By the order of Col. Weems I am to to inform you, that the alarm given by Cap^t Chew is without the least foundation. The sloop of War and her Tenders are at least fifteen miles below Fishing Creek. Cap^t Chew discharged his company at twelve OClock last night after being very much tired with their march from South River, and down again. They are now under arms a little below Fishing Creek and will continue so, till they are gone below Patuxent. Cap^t Makalls company are 10 miles below and the alarm all through Calvert that they are on their way down. they weighed about 12 oclock and came too again about 4 in the afternoon as the wind was directly a head.

I am gentlemen your ob^t hum^b Ser^t

Jos. Galloway

11th March 1776

7 oClock P. M.

[Dorsey to Council.]

Elk Ridge Land^s 11 March 1776.

Gen^t I received yours of yesterday by express, and agreeable to order shall dismiss my Battalion of Militia, who were in readiness, at this place to march to any part of the province that your honours, or the general should request: It gives me the greatest satisfaction that my Conduct, as well as the other gentlemen officers & Militia under my Command, meet with your approbation.

I have the Honour to be Gen^t y^r most ob^t serv^t

Thomas Dorsey.

[Committee of Elk Ridge to Council.]

In Committee March 11th 1776. The Committee of observation in the neighbourhood of Elk Ridge reflecting on the necessity of having the sum of about two hundred pounds lodged in their hands to defray the expences of the Elk Ridge Battalion, in case the exigencies of the province shall at any time require their marching to a distance to repel an hostile invasion by the British forces, beg that you will send them the