

c. s. c. quence, it is with reluctance that I am obliged to address you on Business of less importance, but am persuaded as it will trespass not much on your time, & that it will appear necessary, hope this will in some measure excuse the application at this busy period. I find leather breeches & stockings are with much difficulty procured, & those in all probability not to be had in such quantities as will be wanting by the fall, when they will be absolutely necessary, this perhaps might be remedied by allowing the soldiers breeches & spatterdashes in one piece made of oznab^{gs} which would not only be uniform with the hunting shirts, but a good substitute for leather breeches & stockings, & would enable those who have been furnished, to lay them up for the winter, the soldiery would willingly purchase one, if the convention would allow another pair, which would enable them to be clean & comfortable; I am with much Regard Sir.

Y^r very obed^t Hum^l Serv^t W. Smallwood :
To Thomas Johnson Esq^r

[Pendleton to Matthew Tilghman.]

W^{ms}burg May 26th 1776.

Sir. On Wednesday last Lord Dunmore and the Fleet at Norfolk, quitted that station and fell down into Hampton Road, where they remained 'til yesterday evening, when they got under way, apparently intending out to sea, but this morning were discovered by our look outs to have turned up the Bay and had passed the mouth of York River. I this moment received the intelligence and thought it might be useful to communicate it to you by express, that you might not mistake it for some other armament. We have reason to believe they are much in want of Provisions and also that they are but weakly mann'd, as they burnt several small vessels before they left Norfolk and three of a larger size just before they quitted the Road The Roebuck is returned from Delaware & is with this fleet. I have the Hon^r to be Sir.

Your mo. obed^t Edw^d Pendleton.

Original.

[Dorsey to Council.]

Gentlemen. When I was at Annapolis a few days past, there was a memorial lodged with the convention, by M^r Henry Ridgely reflecting greatly on my Honor, I returned home to get acquainted with the charge, that I might have the charger summonsed to support his assertion, the convention rising before I could return, I apprehend the Business will lay before