

c. s. c. let me know per return of Bearer, the necessary dimensions
&c And am with great respect your most Obedient Humble
Servant George Wells.

Please to send me up a copy of M^r Stewarts contract.

Daniel of S^t Thomas Jennifer Esq^r
Chairman of the Council of Safety, Annapolis.

[Ennalls to Council.]

Cambridge July 2^d 1776.

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On Saturday the 25th Ulto. I received information by Express from Co^l W^m Travers (of the Corps of the lower part of this County) that there were five Tenders then in Hoopers Straights, that they had landed on Hopkins's Island & had taken upwards of sixty head of Cattle from that place, together with two young men and every thing else that was valuable on the Island, that they had committed considerable depredations on the Somerset Shore, and thrown that County into the utmost confusion, and he expected they would commit further ravages in this County. In consequence of this information I ordered Col. John Ennalls & Major Robert Harrison to go down to that neighbourhood (it being forty miles from this place) to get further information respecting these circumstances and to take such steps as should appear to them to be necessary on the occasion. They immediately went down and I am informed by them that on their arrival there, they found affairs circumstanced as above related. The Tenders had gone down the Bay wth their plunder a few hours before they arrived but the Militia of that Corpse were still upon duty, many of them being much fatigued and anxious to go home, they were all discharged except about forty who were left to keep a look out. In the evening of that day there appeared in Nanticoke Sound, one large Ship and seven other Vessels supposed to be tenders. This gave the Inhabitants great uneasiness and anxiety, they therefore ordered such part of the Militia as cou'd readily be collected to assemble to prevent the Enemy from committing further damage. I am further informed by them that they found many of the people in that part of the County very lukewarm in the opposition, difficult to be got together, and when collected in such bad discipline they are not (in their opinion) to be relied on, paying but little regard to the instructions of their Officers. Things being in this situation, I have thought it advisable to order part of the Militia under my command to march down to their assistance, & I flatter myself we shall be able to prevent their