

C. S. C. account hereafter—the expence of the witnesses against Atkinson is referred to the board of acc^s they are not here at present. We shall lay all the accounts before them when they meet again which we expect will be in a few days. We doubt your Acc^t is too general and that the board will expect particulars for the lumping charges; that must be left to them. We think the march of one half of Captⁿ Watkins's Company somewhat extraordinary—expect to hear more of it; we have already ordered you more powder, if it does not come down soon apply to Brigadier Chamberlaine, who has the care of the Eastern Shore magazine & will deliver you five Barrels for the use of Somerset County.

29th July 1776

Original.

[Woolsey to Council.]

Gentlemen.

Baltimore 29th July 1776.

Agreeable to your Directions, I have examined all the Wharfes about this place and find on the most of them a few flint stones, but I think not of the best quallity, I am told by many people here that there are quantities sunk on the wharfes, therefore if you think proper I will employ people to serch for them; at the same time I have been inform'd that there are a flint Quarry about two miles from the Head of Elk if so no doubt the flints there would be more easy got. M^r Henry Hollingsworth can give you information respecting of it.

I am Gentlemen Y^r mo Humble Serv^t

Geo Woolsey.

Original.

[Thomas to Plater.]

Head Quarters St. George 29th July 1776.

Dear Sir. Yesterday the Roebuck with the Fleet under her convoy arrived here from their cruizen up the River, they were watched all the way down by two Row Gallies from Alexandria, they will be here this evening, and I expect to night we shall engage the Fleet. The Roebuck stood down the Bay and is now out of sight. The Defence made her appearance yesterday morning but on the Foy's warping out thought it prudent to stand down again. We are preparing all the boats we can get to assist in boarding all such vessells as are not armed and I am in hopes we shall be able to give a good account of them. I most sincerely wish the Business over, the place is exceedingly disagreeable, not a drop of water, but what is brought near three miles together with the uncomfortable tents that we have, I am afraid will make us all sick, near half both of mine and Capt. Bealle's Company are down. The militia do every duty so exceeding