

are possessed of the pleasing prospect that they will continue C. S. C. to distinguish themselves on every future occasion by an animated affection to their Country, leading them to brave every fatigue and Peril to preserve her liberties inviolate.

[P. S. Cap^t Conway is safely arrived in wighcomoco Virginia with 10½ Tonn of powder and 270 stand of arms the property of this Province.]

2^d Aug^t 1776

[Council to Dorchester Committee.]

No. 106.

The Committee of Dorset Co^{ty}
Gentlemen.

The Prisoners sent up by you we have not by reason of the great deal of Business now before us, been able to examine, but shall, when we do, apply to you to send up the witnesses, if they deny the facts with which they are charged.

We send you a couple of Barrels of muskett Gun Powder &—w^t of Lead—the Cannon Powder may remain with you. We rely upon you for taking especial Care that they shall not be wasted, as you know our safety depends upon our Economy in this Point.

2^d Aug^t 1776.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

No. 107.

The Deputies for Maryland in Congress

Gentlemen. We have rec^d yours of the 27th July, many parts of which are already answered, as you will perceive by recurring to our last; the advance of 1335 dollars to Col^o Smallwood we approve of, upon presumption he had occasion for that sum, and that he will lay it out in providing necessaries for himself and Battalion with Economy and discretion. We inclose you M^r Christopher Richmonds appointment to be paymaster of the Battalion according to Col^o Smallwoods desire and your recommendation. We have set on foot enquiries in several places with regard to flints, and shall hereafter let you know whether any stone can be found for manufacturing them here.

Since our last we have received two letters from Major Price, copies of which are inclosed, from them you will learn the situation of the Enemy below, our pilot boat came up last night & informs they are not yet gone off, several vessels are dismasted, and on shore at the point of S^t George's island with intention to burn them; Middleton thinks they are going off down the Bay, and we hope soon to be able to write you