

c. s. c. We wish to stand fair with yourself and all other worthy men, & whatever you may determine upon, be assured that we had nothing to alledge against your conduct, & that we were actuated by no other views than those of service to the publick, & taking effectual measures to repel the common Enemy.

2^d Aug^t. 1776

Original.

[Queen Anne's Committee to Council.]

Gentlemen. Queen Ann's County 2nd August 1776.

Complaint has been made to us by Lieutenant Hawkins that Cap^t Dean's company stationed on Kent Island are greatly in want of water at their station, and informed that a sufficient quantity may be had at Blunt's warehouse on the said Island or at Cap^t Thomas Marshes Plantation adjoining their station; and further complained that M^r Cummins the Commissary has neglected to make the necessary provision for the company and that the company are in want of a Physician.

We have applied to Capt Marsh for his permission to Cap^t Dean to station his company or a part thereof on his Plantation and have received his absolute refusal, in consequence of which we have ventured to advise Cap^t Dean to remove his Company or such part thereof as he may judge necessary, from the present station to Blunt's Warehouse and to fix such and so many Guards and at such places as he may think proper to promote in the best manner the service in which he is engaged, until he shall receive the further orders of your Board.

By order of the Committee

I am y^r obed^t Serv^t

Turbutt Wright Chairman.

Original.

[Griest to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore Town 2nd Augst 1776.

I received your favour of 30th instant p M^r James with your choice of the Canteens. I have set all the Coopers I can to work on them. Some of them I have desired to be made of White oak, which I think will be much the best as the Ceder will taste the water and not be so strong as the oak. I shall send a pattern of the oak down by the first boat for your approbation. I think I can get them of oak made at 2/ or thereabouts and the men who makes the ceder will not do them under 2/6, as for bowls and trenches none to be had here, but I understand there is a man about 50 miles off has