

black hair, an old grey cloth coat, striped cotton jackett, leather breeches, worsted stockings, shoes & hat.

Stephen Sysney a Pennsylvanian 5 feet 5 Inches high, a well proportioned man, has a dimple in his chin, short dark brown hair, a hunting shirt, a brown shalloon jackett, leather breeches, and a pair of trousers, stockings, shoes and a large hat.

Whoever takes up and secures the above persons so that they may be brought back to their place of confinement, shall have at the rate of 8 dollars for each, or fifty six dollars for all of them. per order.

Original.

[Sim to Council.]

Upper Marlboro Sept 23rd 1777

Gentlemen. I received by Capt Covington two hundred and twenty two pounds of bounty money for the company to be raised in this county, which I have this day paid to Mess^{rs} Levin Covington, R Wootton, R Crabb and Tho^s Handy gentlemen recommended by the Field officers of this county to recruit said company. As there are no field officers belonging to the eleventh Battalion except myself, the gentlemen appointed by convention having resigned and returned their commissions and are unwilling to act again, its very troublesome and disagreeable to me to continue. I have therefore now returned you my commission also & begg a new appointment may be made of Field officers and

I am Gentlemen,

Your mo obed^t Serv^t
Joseph Sim.

Original.

[Cooke to Council.]

Potowmack Ship Defence Sep^t 23rd 1776.

Gentlemen. I have thought it Necessary to send the Tender up as her mainmast head is sprung, and is under the Necessity of keeping M^r Middleton as a Pilot to carry the ship down the bay. I have endeavoured to get one at Smith's creek but could not. I am informed by Commadore Boucher that he was chased by the Fowey off our Capes. I shall use every proper method in my power for the safety of our ship. I have the pleasure to inform you that the greatest Harmony subsists amongst the whole Ship's crew and all in high spirits and good health. I shall inform you fully of our State by the return of M^r Middleton.

I have the honor to be Gent
Your most obed^t Hble Serv^t
George Cooke.

N. B. Commadore Boucher was chased the 14th of this Inst.
G. C.