

[Weems to Council.]

C. S. C.

Gent'men.

Inclos'd is a letter I just rec'd from Captⁿ Chew, if it should prove true please to let me know in what manner I am to act, and am

N. B. Pray let us have some Cartrid^e Box's.

Your most Hum^l Sv^t

John Weems,

July 12th 11 O'clock 1776.

[Wilkinson to Chew.]

D^r Sir.

I this moment rec^d by Express a line from Coll^o Somervill, acquainting me that there are forty Sail of Square Rig'd Vessells as far up the Bay as Point Lookout. We have ordered the Captains of our Battalion to call their Companies together immediately, and have their Guns put in the best order they will admit of. Like for them to be ready to march at a moments warning Cap^t Parrans Company is under Arms, have herd the whole of the militia of S^t Maries is in Arms. If the Vessel come up farther, which I make no doubt they will, Barbara begs that M^{rs} Chew will come down here. I am in grate haste, then conclude by Subscribing myself

Your most Obedient Servant

Joseph Wilkinson

Saturday morning 7 O'clock.

To Capt. Richard Chew.

Saturday 13 July 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That Copies of the Letter received from the President of the Congress, of the 8th Inst. be sent to the several Committees of Observation in each County and District in this Province respectively.

Ordered that warrants issue agreeable to the Recommendation of the Committee of Observation for Harford County, to the following persons to command the Rifle Company to be raised there, to wit,

- Alexander Lawson Smith, Cap^t
- James White Hall 1 L^t
- W^m Bradford 2 L^t
- Josias Hall 3 L^t

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain Smith 300 Dollars, to the first & second Lieutenant,