

[Council to Lower Committees.]

C. S. C.
No. 33.

To the Committees of the four lower Counties

Gentlemen. The bearer hereof Colonel Ewing will have occasion to spend some little time in your County in forwarding the raising the Men for the Flying Camp, purchasing Arms and Blankets for them, and promoting in other respects the Public service; as he is pretty much a Stranger in your part of the Province he may be at a Loss perhaps, unless he receives some assistance from you, we therefore take the Liberty of introducing him to you and shall be obliged for any assistance you may give him or any favours you may shew him.

July 13 1776

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Original.

Williamsburg July 13th 1776.

Sir. As the Enemy's Fleet has been driven from their Station and their Forces obliged to abandon Gwyn's Island, and we are informed they will endeavor to possess themselves of some Place on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, We have thought it prudent to give you the earliest intimation thereof. A Battery of 2, 18 pounders played on their Ships and in a few rounds forced them to retire, 4. 9 pounders silenced their Batteries, raked their camp and threw them into the greatest confusion, on which our men, as soon as Boats could be procured, past over to the Island, which the Enemy abandoned with precipitation, carrying with them all their cannon, except one, two of their tenders fell into our hands. The Ship Dunmore was so much damaged that, it is said, she was burnt the Night after the Cannonade they were obliged to destroy two other vessels. We congratulate you on the success of the American Arms in South Carolina. By this express you will be fully informed of Sir Peter Parker's repulse.

I am, Sir,
Your most obed^t hble Serv^t
John Page P^t C^t

[Gough to Council.]

Original.

Gentlemen.

Agreable to my last M^r Jacobs waits on you respecting the tents.

M^r John Hollingsworth rec^d your fav^r p Cap^t Nicholson & thanks you for the d^{ft} therein inclosed, which he will apply to the Purposes you direct and render you an acct. of the charges of unloading the Brigs and removing the soldiery as soon as the amount can be ascertained.