winter quarters. We expect to move from this every hour. c. s. c. I have been exceeding hearty since I came here, the camp seems to agree very well with me. We have got plenty of everything. I shall write you fuller & more particular in a day or two.

I am D<sup>r</sup> Sir, in haste Respectfully Your very Humb<sup>1</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

To James Tilghman Esq.

John Pine

Annapolis M<sup>d</sup>

c. s. J.

## Tuesday November 26, 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday except M<sup>r</sup> Jenifer. Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Paul Miller three Pounds ten Shillings for Freight of public Stores. Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.

## [Archer to Council.]

C. S. C.

Harford County Nov. 26th 1776.

Gent<sup>n</sup>

As I understand some of the Gondolas are nearly ready for which your Honourable Board has the appointment of officers, I would therefore beg leave to remind you of two Gent<sup>n</sup> who have been recommended to you by sundry persons who are well acquainted with them. Their names are Capt. Bennett Mathews and John Stevenson of Harford county.—Capt. Mathews is well acquainted with the Sea and is a Gent<sup>n</sup> of Integrity and attachment to the American cause, he applies for a Capt<sup>n</sup>'s commission. John Stevenson is a worthy deserving young man as well acquainted with Military Discipline as most young men in our country. he applies for a First Lieutenancy and should your Honors think proper to appoint him he would be desirous of serving under Capt<sup>n</sup> Mathews. They are both natives of this Province.

I am Gent<sup>n</sup> with great Respect Your very humb<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> John Archer.

[Chase to Council.]

Original.

Philadelphia Nov. 26th 1776. Tuesday morning.

Gentlemen.

In my last I expressed some hopes of prevailing on Congress to give our State some satisfaction as to the back lands, and the mode by which the Proportion of the Expenses of the