

able but he may endeavour to make a Landing some where c. s. c. or other upon the Eastern Shore, and should that be the case, we have no doubt but upon the receipt of this that you will be in readiness as soon as may be with the Militia under your Command to repel every attempt that he may make to land within your District.

Should the militia in your District be in want of Powder you'll be pleased to apply to Brigadier Chamberlain for as much as may be necessary for your immediate purpose.

15 July 1776

[Jordan to Council.]

Original.

St. Mary's County July 15th 1776.

Gentlemen:

This [is] to inform you that there is now lying, off the mouth of St Mary's River, between seventy and eighty sail of vessels. I am now at Leonard Town on my way down with part of the 6th Battalion under my command, where I received an Express from Colo Barnes (who is now at St. Inegoe's Neck with the lower Battalion) informing me that this morning Ten Boats full of men landed on St. Georges Island and had returned for more. I expect to be opposite the Island some time this night and shall endeavour to get the best intelligence I can of their numbers, and give the earliest notice. We shall want more powder and lead and also flints, if they are to be had. Major Eden by whom this goes will inform you more fully. The Committee for this County sat this day and have detained Capt. Forrest's Company until they hear from you. I am

Gentlemen: Your mo: obed^t Serv^t

Jeremiah Jordan.

Inclosed are Capt. Forrests & Lieut Bond's enrollments, the other two officers have completed theirs, but have not returned them to Cap^t Forrest Cap^t Forrest desires me to inform you that his enrollment was completed the day before they were received by the Field officer.

[Dorsey to Jenifer.]

Original.

Sir.

My son tells me, that Cap^t Nathⁿ Smith informs him that there is a vacancy in his Company of a third Lieut^y and as he had not an oportunity of being Preferd in Col^o Smallwood's Battalion I should be very happy in getting him with Capt Smith or Capt Fulford. Major Price, if in Town, can inform your Honours of his behaviour while under him. If these