

[Council to Ridgely.]

C. S. C.  
No. 55.

To M<sup>r</sup> Charles Ridgley Sen<sup>r</sup>  
Sir.

We are in immediate want of a Number of round shott of the different sizes, particularly 18. 9. 6. & 3, also some Grape and request you will immediately send them down to Baltimore and write your Correspondant there, as soon as he receives them to apprise Capt<sup>n</sup> Nath. Smyth of it, that he may forward them to Annapolis.

18 July 1776

[Council to N. Smith.]

No. 56.

To Captain Nathaniel Smyth

Sir. We have wrote to Captain Ridgely, with whom we have contracted to supply us with Cannon Shott, immediately to send down a quantity to Baltimore and as we are in immediate want of them, we desire as soon as they arrive there, that you will forward them to Annapolis.

18 July 1776

Cunningham's Examination.

Original.

Q. In what occupation did you act in Virginia? A. I was a Book Keeper there to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Jameson and Company.  
Q: What became of M<sup>r</sup> Jameson? A. In the Fleet. Q: What vessel were you on board A: The Dolphin—the Brig.  
Q. Did you continue in the same vessel or did you land at Gwin's Island. A. No. I never landed. Q. What time did you leave Gwinn's Island and what was the cause? A. We were obliged to leave it by Battaries being erected on shore.  
Q. Was any damage done to the shipping? A. To Dunmore's Vessel. The Boatswain was killed, a man lost his arm.  
Q. None killed on the Island. A: None. Q. What condition were the people in on board? A: Sickly, the small pox negroes had the gaol fever. Q. What number were there? A: Not above 300 in arms. Q: Who commands them? A: Col Bird's son commands. Q: How many died and were buried at G. Island? A: I think there must have been 500.  
Q: How were you provided with provision? A: Salt Beef enough for Troops. Q: How many families on board the Fleet. A: I suppose 1000 souls. Q: How many did the ships bring from E. S. A: 150—50 belonging to 14<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> they do not exceed 300 in all Q: How many did land upon St. George's Island? A: I dont know—none but soldiers. Q: How many marines on board? A: Roebuck