

[Dent to Council.]

Original.

St. George's Head Quarters 20th July 1776.

Gent. From the acc^{ts} given me by several deserters that the Fleet entered up Potomack River to water, and from the motions of the Roebuck, five other ships and a sloop I have the greatest reason to believe they are now on their way for that purpose. Nanjemoy, we suppose to be the place of their Destination. I have by letter informed the Committee of Correspondence of the motions of the above ships and shall endeavour to watch their motions and prevent their Depredations with all my Might. There was a brisk and severe Cannonade from two or three tenders and a row galley of Smith's Creek about six o'clock this morning the consequence of w^h I have not yet heard.

I Gent. with much Esteem
Your most obed^t Serv^t
Jno. Dent.

[Eden to Wolstenholme.]

Original.

Roebuck 20th July 1776

Dear Sir:

I received this morning your letter of the 19th with an Annexed declaration and assurance that any Flag sent for you and your Effects shall be received with the respect due to it.

Commodore Hamond's Inclination to render any Service in his Power to any of His Majesty's Officers in your Situation has induced him to order a flag to be sent on shore for you on Monday or Tuesday next; and you shall have as good Accommodations for your Passage to England in the Victuallar he has been pleased to Grant to me, as it will afford. And I am desired to Assure you that any flag or Vessel with a flag that you may employ to bring of your Effects and stock with their provision and water, shall be allowed to return immediately unmolested.

D^r Scott and four other Gentlemen besides myself take this opportunity of going to England. he desires his Comp^{ts} to you and such of our Friends as may be with you, in w^{ch} I Join, and in wishing you health and a good Passage.

I am D^r Sir, y^r obed^t Humble Serv^t
To D^l Wolstenholme Esq. Rob^t Eden

[James Tilghman to Council.]

Original.

Gentⁿ

M^r Thomas who was to have delivered you the inclosed is now with me. the Company is very anxious to be furnished with the arms which arrived at Chingoteage but I have