

informed Mr Thomas the resolution of the Council as to them. It will be very difficult if not impossible to procure a sufficient quantity of guns here, the Militia have but few, and will not part with them unless to the Company which is to defend Kent Island. They I believe will be soon supplied from what I can learn, I cannot however speak with certainty. I shall meet the Committee next Thursday and shall then have an opportunity of forming some judgm<sup>t</sup> myself of the practicability of arming them. Pray write me if any thing extraordinary.

I am your obed<sup>t</sup> Humb<sup>l</sup>e Serv<sup>t</sup>  
 Sunday Morning July 21<sup>st</sup> 1776. Ja. Tilghman

Original.

[B. Johnson to Council.]

Gen<sup>l</sup> Frederick Town July 21<sup>st</sup> 1776.  
 Yesterday I received part of Capt. Good's Company. Lieut Ghiselin now waits on you for commissions and orders. Capt. Good informed me that it will be out of his power to procure arms unless you will be pleased to furnish him with money, and then he can get both arms and Blankets. I submit it to your consideration whether it would not be best, I believe Capt Good to be a man of honour. I know him to be a man of property and will I dare say lay the money out to the advantage of the Publick.

Some villain or other has propagated thro' this county that Col<sup>o</sup> Beatty and myself have destroyed the recommendation of the filed officers by the Committee and the several petitions of the people for a further Representation. I hope you will not think me troublesome when I request the favour of you to inform me by letter that they are in your possession by Mr Ghiselin I hope to receive your answer.

I am Gen<sup>t</sup> with respect your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
 B. Johnson.

C. S. J.

Monday 22<sup>d</sup> July 1776.

Council met. Present the same Members as on Saturday. Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Clerk thirty Pounds for Expresses & other Purposes. That the said Treasurer pay to William Johnson twelve Pounds two shillings and six Pence for making Tents. That the said Treasurer pay to John Denwood three hundred Pounds for the use of the Committee of Observation for Somerset County.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Woolsey four hun-