c. s. c. get labourers to break it, until our militia returns.   I can form no idea of what the price may be tho' I find their expectations are very high, they talk of 60ˢ pʳ Cent.

If you have any remarks or observations to make on these particulars, be pleased to let me know them, if your cordage must be had, pray let me know what you wish I should do as to hemp, and what you think cordage is worth, or what other Ropemakers may ask for cordage, when hemp is as above, for I have no great inclination to meddle with any quantity of hemp, when at such a high price.   I shall be glad of an answer to this, as soon as it is convenient.

<div align="right">I remain, Sir Your most obedᵗ Servᵗ</div>

Honᵇˡᵉ Danˡ of St. Thomas   Chris. Lowndes.
   Jenifer Esq. at Annapolis

<div align="center">[T. Dorsey to Hall.]</div>

Gentelmen.   Elk Ridge Janʸ 27ᵗʰ 1777.
I this moment received your request and shall order my Battalion to meet as soon as possible.   I am in hopes that we shall be able to march in seven or eight days.   I shall use every effort in my power to forward our marching.

<div align="right">Am Gentelmen
Your most obedᵗ Servᵗ</div>

John Hall V. President of   Thomas Dorsey.
   Council of Safety

c. s. j.   Monday, Janʸ 27, 1777.

Council met.   Present as on yesterday.   Mʳ Jenifer attended.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Col. William Richardson four thousand Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to Miss Devenish fifty four Shillings & six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mʳˢ Frances Seclue three Pounds two Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mʳ John Mᶜfadon sixty three Pounds five Shillings.

Copy of Letter Nᵒ 129 was sent to Samuel Chase Esquire.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

c. s. c.   [Council to Chase.]
No. 129.
<div align="right">Jany 27ᵗʰ 1777</div>
Sir.   We received your Letter of the 26ᵗʰ by Colonel Richardson, and have complied with your request in advancing