In Council 11th June 1774.

106. We wrote to most of the Col.s of the Eastern Shore Militia on the Subject of getting a Proportion from each of the Battalions to make up 300 Men of Col.o Richardson's Regulars, for the immediate and more effectual Defence of the Eastern Shore. By a Letter received from Col.o Josh. Ennals Junr. just now, we see the Letter designed for you, was, by Mistake directed to Him; it happened, as Mr. Ridgely tells us from his Supposing you were in the Assembly and had therefore resigned, & relied too much on his Memory, which did not distinguish you from your Brother. Our Circular Letter of the 18th. May, may have probably been misdirected in the same manner. You may be assured Sir, that there was not the least Intention of any ungentle Conduct towards you, and we are glad, since the Mistake has happened, that we have an Opportunity of informing you of the Occasion of it. We request you will act as if the Letters were directed to you; Col.o Ennals having wrote us that he sent you that of the 5th. May.

We are &c.

Col.o John Dickinson }

In Council 11th June 1774.

Sir.

Mr. Emanuel Kent of Queen Ann's County has made Application to us for the Discharge of his Servant Josias Merrifield, lately enlisted into your Battalion by Capt. Emory.

107. Mr. Kent alledges (with Truth as it appears to us) that this Servant was enlisted by Capt. Emory some Time in April last, but being valued by Doctor Anderson, to above Sixteen Pounds, was discharged. That afterwards (in June) Capt. Emory enlisted him again, and carried him before Mr. Bordley, another Magistrate, who valued him in Mr. Kent's Absence, at Sixteen Pounds, and that the Servant now remains a Soldier in your Regiment. We think the second Enlistment, under these Circumstances, was irregular & improper, and request you to discharge the Man, unless you know the Facts above stated to be untrue, or the Enlistment attended with some other Circumstances which have not been communicated to us, and of which you will please to inform us.

We are &c.

Col.o Richardson

In Council Annapolis 12th June 1774.

Sir.

Col.o Jos. Dashiell wrote the Governor and also sent forward Col.o Done's Letter to him, from whence it seems necessary that a small Force should be kept at

108. Sinnapuxent. We should have been glad that Col.o Richardson's Regiment was in such a Situation that a Part might have been ordered down, but they really are not, they have not yet got Arms, we shall get them armed and fitted as soon as we can and hope to have them soon ready, if it should be necessary to continue a Guard to take the Place of the Militia. Col.o Done & Col.o Dashiell seem to think it necessary to enlarge the Battery on the South Bank. Col.o Dashiell suggests the Advantages of a Row Galley or Gondola or two. We are inclined to believe a Vessel or two of that Sort might be more effectual than the Battery and propose, for Consideration only, whether a large Scow or two used for transporting the Cattle from the Beach might not by adding strong Timber to defend the Men from the Shot, answer