

18. *Write on the Subject of the Lordage.* If you think it will be safe, we  
 would have you send the Tender on this Business, if otherwise, return  
 us the Letter again by some Opportunity or, if none offers before, when  
 you come up again. We are desirous of getting the Lordage up, if  
 you think it may be safely attempted, as we do not know how we  
 shall otherwise get furnished with some much wanted. We are in  
 Hopes, before this Time, you have been joined with two Gallies from  
 Virginia, and that you have been able at least to prevent the infamous  
 Intercourse which we hear has been carried on by our People with  
 the Men of War. If the Ships should have gone down, we shall  
 expect to see the Gallies up, if not, advise us of your Situation and  
 of what it may be necessary to furnish you with.

We are Sirs &c.

Lapt. George Cooke

In Council Annapolis 22<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1744.

Sirs

19. We have wrote to Col<sup>o</sup> Jas. & Geo. Dashiell to send up, in your Galley,  
 Part of the Arms landed at the Cherry Stones & some Goods, and to lade  
 them when you may safely & prudently take them in. Take a Memo-  
 randum of every Thing you receive and, as soon as you get the Things,  
 make all the Dispatch you can to this Place. The Things are of  
 great Value and the utmost Care & Attention is expected.

Lapt. Tho<sup>s</sup> Walker

We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 22<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1744.

Sirs

20. We have not heard whether you have got the Arms from the Cherry Stones  
 or not; if you have, we wish you to retain for the Use of Somerset County, as  
 many Boxes as make 100 Stand, to deliver as many Boxes, for the Use  
 of Worcester County to Col<sup>o</sup> Joseph Dashiell, as make 100 Stand. We  
 would not have the Boxes broke and the Arms picked, we suppose  
 there are 25 in a Box; the Remainder, if you think it safe, send up in the  
 Baltimore Galley Lapt. Walker, who we would also have bring up what  
 Goods you and Col<sup>o</sup> Jos. Dashiell may have purchased with the Invoices.  
 If you think there is too much Risk in sending the Arms and Goods in the Galley,  
 we wish you and your Brother to get Carriage and forward them higher up,  
 where the Galley may, prudently take them in. This Galley or another  
 shall return again soon.

We are Sirs &c.

George Dashiell Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Lt. of Somerset County