

present, and he will proceed to furnish a supply until regularly authorized. I am with the highest
Respect
Your obedient Servant
Benjamin Chambers

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Council Chamber Annapolis August 11th

You will deliver to Mr. John Shaw all the Arms, Accoutrements and Ammunition belonging
to the State of Maryland now in your custody, and to Thomas Brown all the Tent and Camp
equipment.

Leviss Winder

Mr. William Proff.

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Council Chamber Annapolis August 11th

Yesterday I received information from two persons who went over to Kent Island that
the British had landed on that Island in considerable force. This Morning all the
Ships that are now in sight below this place have moved up opposite the Eastern Bay,
which is a broad Water making into the Eastern Shore between Poplar and Kent Island
some of the smaller Vessels in sight yesterday have disappeared to day probably having
gone into the Eastern Bay behind Kent Point so as to be hid from our view.

On Colonel Carberry's arrival here there seems to be some doubt as to the command,
and we may be placed in a disagreeable situation in consequence of this doubt. I wish it to be
explicitly understood there is no uneasiness or misunderstanding between Colonel
Carberry and myself upon this subject, but it arises with some of the officers of his detach-
ment, who seem to have taken up an opinion that an officer of the Army of the United
States cannot be commanded by a Militia officer of any rank. In vain I have referred
them to the information I professed on the subject and amongst others to the ninety
eighth article of War which is as explicit, I conceive, as language can be. Colonel
Carberry informs me he has written you on this subject, the very circumstance of his mentioning
it may induce an opinion there had been some misunderstanding, and as Colonel
Carberry may go on to Baltimore, the same question might be agitated there. It is
to request you will give such instructions to Colonel Carberry as will prevent any dispute
on this subject in future.

I have the honor to be

Leviss Winder

The Honorable John Armstrong
Secretary of War of the United States