

went up the River, & put all new forts. One boat is asked the 2nd deck seemingly in command, as if nothing was the matter, and seven boats keeping a constant fire at the Ship. What damage was done is uncertain, but believed to be very trifling. Our soldiers what of the war in health, appear to be in good spirits, tho' ragged and several without shoes to their feet. The three first companies have gained great honors under the command of the Major, who I believe to be a brave man, and I am to hear the other companies, when tried will not disgrace them. All the field officers here would be much obliged to you for the settlement of the rank of the Battalions and the officers of the Flying Camp. It is a very material affair, therefore hopes on receipt of this you will settle it and inform us here. I have ordered the Capt to draw out the pay roll of their several companies, agreeable to the mode here, by which those of the officers who have not settled with you, will lose mileage. I have assured them that I bore no doubt but you will make it good to them -

To the Honble

Council of Safety.

I am with due respect. Ma^{ty} Sirs

Your most Obedt Servt

Thos Ewing.

Mr Parsons my Quarter Master is arrived who informs me, you are angry at my not writing, which is the cause of my sending you so long an epistol, the incorrectness of which you will please excuse.

J.E.

Charles Town Cecil County, Oct 10th 1776.

Gentlemen. I was in hopes I should, by this days post, have received some instructions from your boards about Capt M^{rs} M^{rs} company's marching, as they have been furnished some days, with guns, blankets and a few (not a horse for a fine) bayonets (which is all that could be got here) Mr Hartshorn called at Baltimore agreeable to your order and got cartouch boxes and horse backs, and I am told the Canteens have since arrived at the head of Elk, but no tents are yet come, and the people here ask such an exorbitant price for their coarse linen, that I think, if there is any probability of getting them in Philadelphia, it would be better for the Company to go that far without them. However I shall act in that respect agreeable to your instructions, which I hope you will forward as soon as possible.

I am Gent Your most Obedt Servt

To the Honble Council of Safety.

M^{rs} Hughes.

In Committee Baltimore 14th October 1776

Gentlemen. Inclosed you have a deposition made by Mr David Evans a respectable Inhabitant of this town against Francis Saunders for murther & profane which appeared to us of such dangerous tendency, that we conceived it to be our duty to transmit him to you for further examination. We have accordingly sent him under a guard of the Militia accompanied by Mr Evans the Evidence against him. The charge against Mr Saunders enraged the people so much that it was with much difficulty he could be protected from the popular resentment.

By order of the Committee.

To the Honble Council of Safety, Annapolis.

Sam^l Purviance Jun^r

Sr. I received your favor with one hundred thanks by Mr Hall. I am very sensible for the task entrusted to me being so deprived of my sight as to be unable to distinguish any writing or print, but desirous to promote the service all in my power I have applied to some gentlemen of our country to assist me. I fear however cannot be got at the price