Talbot County Feby 7th 1776.

Gentlemen. I am requested to enclose you the Commission granted to Wm Wil-
-liam Goldsborough, who to gratify his parents, has declined the acceptance thereof.
We made an appointment in convention of Perry Benson to be ensign in the
Heart of Oak Company to supply the place of their officer who had been promo-
-ted, on a supposition that he stood next in the line for preferment in this
we were mistaken and find that the Commission should have been made
out to Henry Colston their first Sergeant, whose appointment will give gen-
-eral satisfaction to the Company and enclose you that Comm[n] in hopes
they may be indulged in the alteration. I am Respectfully Gentlemen

Your very Obt. Humt. Servt.
Jas. Lloyd Chamberlaine.

To the Honble The President of the Council of Safety of Maryland.

Upper Marlbro Sunday y.e 18th Feby 1776. 10 Clock.

Gentlemen. I have this moment received the Inclos.d letters from Mr. West and
in consequence thereof have hired an express to carry them to you, our Committee
of Correspondence could not be collected to day - and I thought it highly nec-
-essary to forward the dispatches as quick as possible. the messenger is to have
thirty shillings - I am gentlemen your most obed.t Servt.

David Craufurd.

To the Honble The Council of Safety of Maryland.

Baltimore Feb: 17th 1776.

Gentlemen. In pursuance of your orders to mount the Cannon fit for use at
this place, We have engaged a number of Workmen in making wheels & Carriages
for the purpose, it being the general opinion of all who have a Knowledge of
such matters that it is best to mount them as Field Peices, which purpose the
guns now here will be very suitable for us they are all light, say, 2, 3 and 4 pounders
to the amt. of 20 Pieces besides 6 of 9 Pd.s & 2 of 12 Pd.s belonging to Capt. Stone
We had the whole of the guns examined by Mr. Geo Mathews who has pronoun-
-ced them good - The Comm.ee have directed me to apply to you for orders to pro-
-vide a parcel of shot suitable to the guns - Mr Danl Hughes is very anxious
to have some person appointed to go to Antietam, to prove the guns which his
brother has cast. I apprehend Capt. Fulford is the best qualified to do it of any
person here, it may be of consequence how soon it is done, as those if they
stand Proof, might be speedily got down here. We have abt. 50 hands at
work on a battery since tuesday at Whetstone, and near 200 more em-
-ployed in providing timber, Logs, Smiths work &c for the Boom - I hope we
shall have part of our Battery ready to mount some guns before the end of
next week, - Mr. Alexander writes me that Mr. Morris had promised our
delegates part of some Powder wch was arrived at Philad.a & which they w.d
immediately forward to this Town. I am with much respect Gentlemen

Your most hble Servt. Saml. Purviance Junr.

To the Honble the County of Safety of Maryland.

(Sir)