

C. S. C. Get the Brigg ready as fast as possible and let her be loaded with best Flour, some Bread, and thirty or Forty Hogsheads of Tobo. if to be got on Tolerable terms; Your militia we hear are marching, but we think you ought to be excused, as you are much engaged in the service of the State; should you go, you will leave our business we expect in good hands.

Dec^r 31, 1776

No. 77.

[Council to W. Lux.]

M^r William Lux

Sir. Upon looking over the returns made to our Board by our Commissioners, we find that they have filled up all the majorities, and left to us some vacancies for Lieutenants and Ensigns, neither of which stations M^r Hopkins chuses to fill. and indeed by the Resolution of our Convention our hands, in the line of Promotion, have been tied up to the Regulars and to the Flying Camp Battallions. When we desired M^r Hopkins to come down, we did not know that the Commissioners had proceeded in filling up the Commissions to the extent they have done, otherwise we should have been explicit and thereby prevented him from taking this journey to Annap^s.

The Acct^s you mention will be paid so soon as they are passed by the Board of Accounts.

Dec^r 31st 1776

Original.

[Cook to Council.]

Hon^d Gent.

Philadelphia Decem^r 31st 1776.

I wrote you on Tuesday last, and since that time the greatest part of the people I brought here is inlisted in the land service for the sake of the twenty dollars bounty, and gone to the Camp. Those who were sailors has enter'd in Merchant men, wages being extravagantly high. Since our arrival here have been helping to fitt out the Deleware two days past. M^r Morris desired we should repair on board one of the row Gallies and follow that part of the army that's gone into the Jerseys. We made the attempt but the ice prevented us from proceeding, upon which we were oblidg'd to return. I have used every persuasive argument in my power to keep them together but they complain of the want of cloths and of their time being expired.

I have not over twelve men with officers that is now willing to go to Camp. I informed M^r Morris a few days agoe of my Peoples entring and going off as there was no immediate call at Philadelphia. I wanted permission to return to the Ship