

C. S. J.

In Council of Safety Feb<sup>ry</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1777

Ordered That Captain Campbell be requested to examine all Vessels departing from this Port, and that he suffer none to pass who have not obtained a Permit from the Commanding Officer of the Fort at Annapolis and that he prevent all Vessels from going down the Bay below Poplar Island.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 157 was sent to Thomas Contee Esquire.

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There appearing to the General Assembly to be no farther occasion for the Virginia Troops in this State, Ordered That Brigadier General Smallwood be requested to discharge the said Troops from this Service

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 158 was sent to John Hancock Esquire James Smith of Frederick County having appeared before the Council of Safety and no witnesses against him attend<sup>s</sup>

It was ordered That he be discharged upon paying the expences of the Guard.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C.  
No. 155.

[Council to Dorsey.]

Feb<sup>ry</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1777

M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Steward informs us that he has applied to you for twenty swivils & that you have promised to let him have them the beginning of next week. We now desire that you will not furnish any other person untill you have completed your contract with us.

We are &<sup>c</sup>M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Dorsey.

No. 156.

[Council to Steward.]

Feb<sup>ry</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1777

Sir,  
We have received yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst & have wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Dorsey as you request. We are about fitting out two armed vessels & as we know of no person who can do this business so well as you, we beg you will come up as soon as you can

We are &amp;c.

Mr. Stephen Steward

No. 157.

[Council to Contee.]

Sir.

February 12<sup>th</sup> 1777

In answer to your favour of Jan<sup>y</sup> 21 which has laid some time for consideration, we can only say that as we daily expect another executive power to be created & our Bay being so