C. C.

[Council to J. Hanson.]

In Council 16th Augt 1777.

Sir

We inclose you a Copy of a Resolution of Congress and a List of the Carolina Prisoners in Frederick Town, as given in to the Governor when he was last up there. We are willing to enlarge the Limits of these Prisoners to three Miles from Frederick Town, a Distance we think fully sufficient for agreeable Exercise or to afford an Opportunity of making the Continental Allowance go the farthest for their comfortable Support; but, as the Paroll signed by some of them is not so definite and precise as all Parolls ought to be, we think it is proper that each should sign a Paroll, agreeing with this Enlargement, give up the old Counterparts and take Copies of the new.

We are &ca

John Hanson Esq^r

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[Council to Capt. Cooke.]

17th Augt 1777.

Capt. George Cooke

The Intelligence received this Morning from Timson, makes it necessary that we instantly prepare in the best manner we can, for Defence or to enable us to assist our Friends. If the Enemy should design to send any considerable Force up the Bay, there will, as it appears to me, be no Place of Security for your Ship, but at Baltimore where too, she may eventually assist in the Defence of that Town. The Gallies at Baltimore we wish to be made as serviceable as may be. You are therefore to run the Defence within the Boom at Balt, put what of your Men you can in the Gallies. Shew this Instruction to the Officers on board them, which they are to consider, as a particular Order to them to come down with their Gallies. You are to furnish what Guns or other Necessaries you can from the Defence, to the Gallies and Majr Smith is also requested to give them what Assistance he can, you will also come down in one of the Gallies yourself

Capt George Cooke

C. B.

Monday 18th August 1777

Present as on Saturday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to John Green twenty five pounds, five shillings & six Pence Amot of Acct passed