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[Council to G. Cook.]

In Council 21st Dec^r 1777.

Sir

This by the Defence's Tender who goes down with 100 Musquets to be lodged at Hopewell's for Col^o Barnes, and some Provisions for the Gallies. The Skipper has Orders to call in at St. Jerom's to learn your situation, and that of the Enemy, before he goes into Patowmack. By a Letter from Governor Henry, we are informed he has ordered two of the best of the Virginia Gallies to Patowmack to act in Concert with ours. We hope they have joined you before this Time.

Cap^t Cooke.We are &^{ca}

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[Council to Ware and Barnes.]

In Council 21st Dec^r 1777.

Sir.

A Report prevails and it has reached us several Ways that many People on Patowmack and particularly between Cedar Point and Wiccomico, have been exchanging Provisions with the Men of War for Salt and other Articles. Whatever temporary Convenience may result to Individuals from such a Practice, none can be ignorant how contrary it is to their Duty as Subjects to this State, or not foresee the pernicious Consequences. We therefore request your utmost Vigilance to put a Stop to all Kind of Intercourse between the People and the Men of War. It is said the Ships are ballasted with Salt, which, if true, proves the Intention of their going up Patowmack and if they are treated as half Friends, we may expect enough of their Company.

We are, &c

To Colo. Ware &
Colo. Barnes.

C. B.

Monday 22^d December 1777.Present as on yesterday Tho Sim Lee Esq^r Attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Manasseh Cain Eighty five Pounds, four Shillings due to him per Account passed by the Board

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Burgess eighteen Pounds to be delivered over to Mary M^cKinnery due to her on Account referred to this Board by the Honourable House of Delegates.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Wilshire Three Pounds amount of Account passed the Board.