

The General Assembly having passed a Resolution for the C. B.
Sale of the Ship Defence and allowing Liberty to any of the
Marines to enter into the Matross Companies or on board the
Gallies. The Commanding Officer on board the Defence is
to discharge any of the men who inlist with Captain Campbell
or enter on board the Gallies on his being furnished with a
Certificate of such Inlistment on entering on board either of
the Gallies and the Officer who inlists any of the said men is
directed immediately on the Inlistment to send such Certificate
on board the Defence that the Officer there Commanding may
know that the absent men are engaged in the Public Service
according to the Intention of the Assembly.

[Council to G. Cook.]

C. C.
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In Council Annapolis 22^d Dec^r 1777.

Sir

We yesterday sent off the Defence's Tender with 100 small
Arms for Col^o Barnes and some Provisions for the Gallies.
The small Arms to be landed at Hopewell's on Patuxent and
the Tender to call at S^t Jerom's to learn your and the Enemy's
Situation before she proceeds into Patowmack unless, in
Patuxent, she is well ascertained that she may safely proceed
without Delay. M^r Vanbibber tells us he has a Quantity of
Cordage amongst it some Cables, at Fredericksburg in Vir-
ginia, any Part of Which he is willing to spare us, if we can
assist him to get it up We therefore send you the inclosed
Letter to Col^o Lewis; we believe it is on the Subject of the
Cordage. If you think it will be safe, we would have you
send the Tender on this Business, if otherwise, return us the
Letter again by some Opportunity or, if none offers before,
when you come up again. We are desirous of getting the
Cordage up, if you think it may be safely attempted, as we do
not know how we shall otherwise get furnished with some
much wanted. We are in Hopes, before this Time, you have
been joined with two Gallies from Virginia, and that you have
been able at least to prevent the infamous Intercourse which
we hear has been carried on by our People with the Men of
War. If the Ships should have gone down, we shall expect
to see the Gallies up, if not, advise us of your Situation and
of what it may be necessary to furnish you with.

Cap^t George Cooke.

We are Sir &^{ca}

[Council to T. Walker.]

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Sir.

We have wrote to Col^o Jos. & Geo. Dashiell to send up, in
your Galley, Part of the Arms landed at the Cherry Stones &