

c. s. J. Mr J. Middleton agreed to furnish a Boat for the like purposes and on the same Terms as Captain Pitt and received his Instructions accordingly.

Ordered, That Captain William Hyde furnish the Council of Safety with an Account of the Province Arms & Accoutrements delivered him last Spring, of the Condition of the same, and in whose Hands they are; and that he do not permit the same or any of them to be removed or carried from the City of Annapolis.

A Copy of the Letter (No. 3) relative to placing Obstructions in the Channel of this River was sent to Mr Stephen Steward, and a Copy of the Letter (N^o 4) to Mr William Roberts.

Council adjourns till tomorrow morning $\frac{1}{2}$ after 9 o'clock.

c. s. c.
No. 3.

[Council to Steward.]

To Mr Stephen Steward, West River

Sir.

22^d Jany. 1776

The Council of Safety are informed that you have been at Philadelphia, and are acquainted with the Method the Committee have taken there to prevent the Approach of Men of War and armed Vessels to that City. As the Convention have resolved that the sum of five thousand nine hundred pounds be appropriated to fortify Annapolis and place Obstructions in the Channel of the River, the Council would be glad to see you and take your Opinion on any Plans or Designs that may be thought necessary for carrying the Resolution of the Convention into Execution. Mr Wallace has been so kind as to lay before us your letter of the 20th Ins^t on which we shall be glad to confer with you.

c. s. c.
No. 4.

[Council to Roberts.]

To William Roberts Esq. Mayor of the City of Annapolis.

Sir.

22^d Jany. 1776

A company of Artillery or Matrosses was ordered to be raised particularly for the City of Annapolis—this is a matter of Consequence to all the Inhabitants, we therefore choose to consult the Corporation with regard to the Officers, and should be obliged to you to call a Corporation some day this Week, or the next at furthest and let us know who that respectable Body would recommend to us as proper persons for Captain and three Lieutenants.