of a back Cargo. so eligible is this plan to me that I have laid before you that if you give me permission I will risque it all on my own accot and will give all the arms ammunition &c I may get in, the first offer of all to the Council of Safety. should you be afraid that by granting me this premition you would be troubled with many other applications it need not be known to any but that she goes on accot of the province.

Sir. You will please excuse me troubling you as your the only gentleman of the Council I have the honour to be acquainted with. pray favour me with an answer by the first

opp'y and you will much oblige Sir your

Very Humble Serv^t William Neill.

To the Honble Charles Carroll a member of the Council of Safety.

[Ramsey to Jenifer.]

Original.

Sir.

I received your letter by the Post, and for answer inform you, that I can purchase some tow Cloth upwards of yard wide which I think for last, will be preferable to Oznaburgh, but good flax, or hemp linnen of that width, known here by the name of eight Hundred linnen; I cannot purchase under 3/ or 2/10 I am of opinion tho' that in the end it will be much cheaper than Oznabs Oznabs I apprehend cannot with any degree of Conveniency be made into Hunting Shirts, as from its narrowness two breadths will not be sufficient for any Man, and by putting in a third it will not only appear clumsey, but will in fact be as dear, as linnen upwards of yard wide would be at 3/ supposing the Oznabs to be had at 2/ and with respect to the wearing of the two there would be no Comparison. I intend this Day to wait upon the person who has the Woolen Cloth to sell, and if I can consistent with your directions, will bargain for it.

By the bearer M^r Ewing you will have an opportunity of sending me any further Directions you may think proper.

I am, Sir, Most Humb¹ Ser^t Nat. Ramsey

Charles Town Feby 12th 1776 The Honob Daniel of St Thos Jeniser

Tuesday 13 Feb. 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as yesterday.

And also Thomas Smyth & Thomas Bedingfield Hands Esquires who were qualified before M^r Jenifer by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.