

[Council to Fulford.]

C. S. C.
No. 21.

To Captain Fulford.

Sir :

From an Opinion of your Knowledge of Cannon we have thought proper to appoint you to prove those to be supplied this Province by Mess. Sam^l & Dan^l Hughes and request you will immediately repair for that Purpose to their works at Antietam We inclose you an Order on the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County for what Powder may be wanting and will defray any Expence you may necessarily incur in that Service. The Commission for M^r Massenbach to be your second Lieutenant you will please to deliver him and give him proper Instructions how to act with regard to the Company of Mattrosses during your Absence.

21st Feby. 1776

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

No. 22.

To the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.
Gentlemen.

The repeated Instances you have given of your Readiness to co-operate with us in such Measures as we have thought conducive to the Interest and Security of this Province under our present unhappy Circumstances have proved very acceptable and the Information communicated by M^r Sam^l Purviance Jun^r by your Order that you will assist in providing Shott suitable for the Cannon for which we have the pleasure to hear you have engaged a Number of Workmen in making Wheels and Carriages agreeable to our Requisition when at Baltimore affords us real Satisfaction. Confiding in your Zeal and Diligence we request you will immediately employ some able and skillful Person in supplying a sufficient Quantity of Ball proper for those Guns and as we are advised some of the Shott furnished the Ship Defence are not round, that you will be particularly attentive to the casting of them and receive none but what are truly formed and fit for Service.

We have not yet been wrote to by M^r Hughes for a Proof-Master to try the Cannon he agreed with the last Convention to furnish for the Use of this Province or had any satisfactory Information in what Forwardness they are ; however as we are anxious to expedite this Business & presume M^r Hughes must have run some of them by this Time we have appointed Capt. Fullford to prove them, and have wrote him upon the Subject ; and from a Wish to have every thing in readiness against the Guns are brought down we desire you will immediately con-