

[Council to Youst.]

C. S. C.
No. 91.

To Mr. John Youst.

Sir. The Council of Safety desire you will be as expeditious as you possibly can in supplying the Muskets &c you engaged to make for the Province, and inform us whether you have any now compleated as we are in very great Want of them and will send for them as soon as you have a Number ready.

27th March 1776.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

No. 92.

To the Committee of Observation for Balt^o County

Gentⁿ We are not as yet fully determined as to the Schooner of M Lux's fitted out for a Tender; we would wish her to be in such a Situation, as to act in Case of Danger upon short Notice; but we would not have Men inlisted or Provisions purchased for her, 'till further Orders from this Board or the Convention. We are informed from divers Persons of Credit, and amongst others from Captⁿ Nicholson himself, that she is a dull Sailer—if so and we can get a better, we must remove the Guns &c on Board the Tender hereafter to be purchased, and make the best of the Schooner. We would not have her go any Distance, if she is likely to be instrumental in losing us a Number of brave Men and all her Stores. We have sent an Express with Order to Cap^t Burgess to try Hughs's 18 Pounders, and request you will order Bullets to be cast as soon as you know the proper size.

26th March 1776

[Boucher to Council.]

The Honble Council of Safety. Baltimore 27th March 1776.

Honble Gentlemen. Since receiving the inclosed, have been in Company with Col^o Geo. Mason of Virginia and M^r Dalton at their request do now solicit your permission to quit the service of this province, & enter into that of Virginia which will be much more beneficial to me. Your compliance will much oblige,

Hon^{ble} Gentlemen,

Your most Obed^t Humble Servant,

John Tho^s Boucher.

Thursday 28 March 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

M^r John Thomas Boucher of the Ship Defence having signi-