

[Council to A. Vanbebber.]

C. S. C.  
No. 29.

To Capt<sup>n</sup> Abraham Vanbebber.

June 18<sup>th</sup> 1776

Sir. You have inclosed an Invoice and Bill of Lading for 240 Bbbs Flour, 60 Bbbs. Bread & 250 Keggs ditto in the Schooner Three Sisters, Captain Joseph Handy master, which we hope will reach you safe; you will dispose of the Cargo to the best advantage for the benefit of the Province according to your general instructions, and the letters heretofore sent you; and be pleased to make our returns by the same vessel in small arms, to which you may add a few field pieces if to be had cheap, if these cannot be got, you are to send us Powder and Blankets—we designed to send you also two other vessels, the Brigs Fortune and Rogers, but these vessels have been long detained by the men of war and Tenders, the Brig Fortune had sailed, but was obliged to put back again, we apprehend that we shall be obliged to unload those vessels and send their cargoes to you in smaller vessels.

We have received your letters of 9<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>d</sup> March, and have also paid your Bill dated 24<sup>th</sup> March to Capt<sup>n</sup> John Stout for 800 dollars, and also your draft to Capt<sup>n</sup> Copper on W. Lux for £90 Cy. & have got in safe the goods you sent us by the wicked Dick, Capt<sup>n</sup> Tibbett, also by the Pilot Boat Chatam, and some powder we hear is arrived in N<sup>o</sup> Carolina not yet got to hand, we would caution you against sending any more that way as yet—the coast there is too dangerous at present, full of Men of War and Tenders—we shall be glad to hear from you by every good opportunity.

P. S. The Brig Nancy Capt<sup>n</sup> Wise addressed to you, has been unfortunately taken by a Tender in Annamesseck road, in a Fog which prevented the Capt<sup>n</sup> from seeing her approach, until she was so near, that he could not avoid the misfortune.

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1776

[Council to Handy.]

No. 30.

To Captain Joseph Handy.

Sir. You are to proceed from hence with all possible dispatch to the Island of St. Eustatia, with the Letters directed to M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Vanbebber who will give you directions, what you are to do with your Cargoe—his advice you are to follow in every particular; should you have any goods put on board by Capt<sup>n</sup> Vanbebber to bring back, as soon as you have done your business, make the best of your way home, and avoid speaking with vessells on the Coast or elsewhere; when you