

C. S. C.
No. 41.

[Council to Nicholson.]

To Captain James Nicholson.

Sir. Captain Montagu of the Fowey Ship of War has broke the Truce, and we are directed by the Convention to apprise you of it, and to send you the enclosed resolve which you will conduct yourself agreeable to.

24th June 1776

Original.

[Galloway to Council.]

To the Hon^l the Council of Safety, the Petition of Samuel Galloway on behalf of himself and James Cheston humbly sheweth that on Sunday evening of the twenty third instant, Hugh Job, a Taylor, James Brooke a Painter, Robert Skinner a Carver, John Kelly a Gardener and Thomas Wilkinson, waiting man made their escape from your Petitioners house at West River in a Battoe, and that your Petitioners have great reason to entertain a Suspicion that they have or will endeavour to get on board the Fowey ship of War, now lying off this city. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray this Honourable Board, that they will immediately take such steps as they shall think most proper for the apprehension of the above mentioned servants and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray:

June 24th 1776.Sam^l Galloway.

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[Eden to Barrister Carroll.]

His Maj^{ty}s ship Fowey, June 24th 1776.

Sir. In answer to your letter by Captain Stone which I have just received, relative to the application made by M^r Galloway and others, on account of some runaway servants, I can only say that Captain Montagu's orders to receive, on board, and give protection to all, British well affected subjects are positive; and that he does not consider its in his power, consistently with those orders, to comply with your request. He says that you cannot consider this refusal as any violation of the peace; That the Fowey has not, and will not receive any runaway slaves on board, that he is bound by, and must follow, his instructions; That all vessels belonging to this place, now along side he intends giving up; And that he has never sent ashore to bring servants off or encourage deserters. I can add no more than that every exertion of my interest, or interposition on this subject, must prove ineffectual against the Kings orders: I hope we shall get away tomorrow and not be delayed by any obstruction to the baggage, or stock, of the