

Mess^{rs} Steward and Galloway and Thomas Smyth not being able to compleat the building seven vessels in time, 'tis agreed by consent of all parties, that the former contract be dissolved, and a new agreement is this day entered into as p^r the written Contracts filed. C. S. J.

M^r Hands has leave of absence.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas B. Hands Esq^r twelve Pounds, twelve shillings, for 18 Day's attendance, as a member of the Council of Safety.

Copy of Letter N^o 44 was sent to George Montague Esq^r commander of the Fowey, ship of war.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mess^{rs} Jenifer and Hooe twenty two Pounds, ten shillings, on Acco^t of sloop Molly.

Ordered that said Treasurer pay to said Jenifer and Hooe the further sum of one hundred and forty Pounds for Freight of Powder &c: on Acc^t

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Council to Hall & Weems.]

To Col^o Hall & Weems (respectively)

C. S. C.
No. 42.

Sir.

Captain Montagu of the Fowey ship of war having broke the Truce by receiving a number of servants belonging to the good people of this Province, and refusing to deliver them on demand made by a flag sent for that purpose; we are directed by the Convention to order part of your Battalion to keep guard in the most proper places from the mouth of South River to the mouth of Fishing-Creek to repel any violence which may be offered by the said vessel or her Tenders as also to prevent servants or slaves making their escape from their masters. You will therefore take care to station at the most convenient places on that coast such of your militia well armed and provided with ammunition as can be prudently spared for the said purposes, and that you continue to keep guard on that station untill the above vessells shall have sailed down the Bay.

25th June 1776

[Council to R. Beall.]

To Captⁿ Rezin Beall.

No. 43.

Sir.

As we are apprehensive that the ship of war on her return down the Bay may make some attempt to land, either to procure provisions or make depredations, we have therefore sent