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[Cook to Council.]

Abreast New Point Comfort Sep. 24<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gent. I wrote you this morning favoured by Commodore Boucher acquainting you of the loss of our small Bower and my intention of going to Gwynn's Island to get an anchor. We hauld up for the Island but the Gale at Northwest increasing the Pilot thought we could not fetch into smooth water. I then bore away and hope to be at sea by 10 oclock at night where I make no doubt but to provide the ship with as good an anchor as the one lost. Our ships company is all in high spirits and am in hopes we shall be able to let you hear from us often by Prizes from time to time.

I am Gent your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Geo. Cook.

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[Cook to Council.]

Off Point Lookout Sep<sup>t</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen.

I honoured myself by writing you by the Amelia Tender. At that time was in hopes of having a fine night and good run down the bay. At 10 P. M. the wind came round to the Eastward, the night had all the appearance of a gale insueing. I thought it prudent to have the ship brought at anchor under point look out, and this morning early when hove short the small bower caple parted near the anchor. We got the Pilot boat to the buoy rope when a strain hove on it parted the buoy rope at the crown of the Anchor, the wind blowing a fresh gale at N W puts it out of our power to get the anchor at this time. We have left a watch bouy at the place and sett several places for finding it some other time. M<sup>r</sup> Middleton will have the Marks and knows the place where the anchor lies.

At 10 A. M. I purpose going down to Gwynn's Island, as I'm informed by some Gentlemen on board of sundry anchors being there & purpose getting one.

I have the honor to be Gent Your most obed<sup>t</sup> &  
Hble Serv<sup>t</sup> George Cook.

C. S. J.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 188 was sent to Tho<sup>s</sup> Ringgold Esq<sup>r</sup>

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to W<sup>m</sup> Tuck eighteen pounds, ten shillings for 3½ Day's Attendance as Doorkeeper to the Council.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Catharine Nixon thirty shillings for attending Hospital.