

[Council to Hebb and Bowes.]

C. S. C.  
No. 220.

Gent<sup>n</sup> We take the liberty of inclosing you a resolve of the Convention, which we should be much obliged if you would execute. We are informed that some of the vessels may easily be got up to M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Steward's Shipyard to be repaired. We should be glad if you will have them fitted with Jury masts for that purpose as soon as possible, and procure hands for them, all the sails belonging to them, or any others, that came on shore, may be sent with them. Those vessels that cannot be raised, and fitted out, you will have disposed of in the best manner for the use of the State, the expence attending the execution of this resolve, will be repaid you with thanks

Oct<sup>r</sup> 17 1776

Messrs. Vernon Hebb & Timothy Bowes.

[Council to Wells.]

No. 221.

Sir.

We send you by M<sup>r</sup> Barry the 400<sup>l</sup> which you desire may be transmitted by him, and will write you fully about the Masts, Sails, Rigging and Cordage also the weight of metal of the Gallies as soon as we see M<sup>r</sup> Stewart who has proper drafts of those vessels &c and has engaged the necessary cordage.

Oct. 17 1776

Mr. George Wells

[Gen. Smallwood to Council.]

C. S. C.

Philips Height's October 1776.

Gentlemen. I have received but two letters from you, of the 11<sup>th</sup> September and the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, in the latter of which you express some surprise at never having received a letter from me since I left Maryland, which is just and should I have incurred your censures, it is nothing less than I have expected and let me assure you it was with great reluctance I subjected myself to it, but I am yet conscious, could you have viewed the severe and perplexed duty I have had, and our corps in general been exposed to, you wou'd at least have pitied them and excused me for this neglect. in answer to yours wherein you require a particular return of the arms, accoutrements, Camp equipage and utensils &c of the Regular troops immediately under my command, must beg leave to refer you to a letter wrote to the Convention on the 12<sup>th</sup> in answer to theirs of the 4<sup>th</sup> of this inst, wherein you'll find a short detail of