

c. s. j. Copy of Letter N^o 245 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth, N^o 246 to James Clarke, N^o 247 to John Martin & 248 to Col^o Benjamin Rumsey.

Ordered That M^r W^m Bruff be requested to deliver to Elisha Winters three hundred weight of Steel bought of him by the Council of Safety.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Clerk thirty Pounds, for expresses &c.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Elisha Winters one hundred & fifty Pounds, to be accounted for.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to L^t Philip Smith twenty Pounds, on Acc^t of Captⁿ Creagar's Company.

Adjourned 'till next Day

C. S. C.
No. 245.

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

Sir.

We shall be obliged to you to procure Captain and hands for the Schooner you mention, and let us know when the Resolution will be ready to sail, and what quantity of Superfine flour you have engaged or likely to get.

Captain Martin's Brig must be cleaned and fitted so as to take in her Cargo with all expedition. If superfine flour is not to be had for her in Baltimore she will be loaded elsewhere. Be pleased to inform us of the Price of Flour from time to time.

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth

P. S. M^r Clark has offered us a vessel which he says will carry 700 Bbls. pray examine her and let us know what sum of money it will take to fit her out, and the value of her as she now stands

Nov^r 5th 1776

M^r Jesse Hollingsworth

No. 246.

[Council to Clarke.]

Sir.

Your letters of 25th & 31st ult^o are received but hurry of business prevented our answering of them sooner. We can say nothing as to the purchase of your vessel till we have seen an Inventory of the Sails Rigging and Tackle. You will apply to M^r Hollingsworth, to whom we have wrote on the subject, to view her. As to the Commission business we are not at liberty to throw into your hands. Many purchasers would hurt the Service as they would raise upon one another, and we should loose more by the advanced price than we should gain by the lowness of the proposed Commission.

Nov^r 5th 1776

M^r James Clarke