

[Council to Dugan.]

C. S. C.
No. 250.

Sir.

We desire that you will inform us in what readiness the 92 is, and when she will be ready to sail. She must be pushed out as soon as possible. If there is not a Captain for her, we wish a diligent man would be recommended to us that is a staunch friend to America.

Nov. 6th 1776

Mr. Cumberland Dugan.

[S. West to Council.]

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Woodyard Wednesday Nov^r 6th 1776.

Honourable Gentlemen

After thanking you for your civility while I was at Annapolis I am to inform you that I have looked into my soldiers Stockings (that I purchased with a view of cloathing my Regiment) There are only 128 pair remaining unsold, and some of them, 18 pair, are damaged, having been less open to the Air and moth.—the 110 pair are good, and are at your service at 7/6 a pair. the 18 pair may be mended and you may have them at half price 3/9, or I can use them myself, indeed I can sell them all with thanks among my neighbours. I send you 3 pair for samples. If you chuse to accept of my stockings, they shall be delivered to your order, and I hope your Messenger will either bring the money or be authorized to give me an order at once on the Treasurer, for However Honourable sentiments I entertain of your Board; and Respect I have for the Persons of the Board of Accounts; yet I will never, if I can help it, subject myself to their arbitrary determinations. I attended a whole week about an account, that if Justice had been done me, I should have had Publick Thanks for,—instead of which I was delayed and injured against the most palpable evidence, and compelled to take in November, when our currency is not of half value, a great deal less, than I had offered me in hand by Major Marshall in June! Such is the reward I have had for my Publick spirit and love of Country. Yet although I thus smart, I do entirely confide in the Integrity and candour of the Council of Safety. I have about 50 good firelocks and some other matters. We are manufacturing a species of linnen cloth, that I think if pursued would be of great Publick utility. We take the tow of Flax and Hemp, Card it into rolls, spin it on the Great Wheele: then double and twist it and weave it: it will make good tents, Bagging, Waggon cloaths, coase sheets, Sails & tis soft and pliable and the doubling and twisting makes it exceeding strong. Our women spin in these days 2½ lbs