

Warrant granted to Thomas Sparrow to recruit Matrosses C. S. J.  
for the Service of this State.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Hancock.]

C. S. C.  
No. 18.

Sir.

Your favour of the 15<sup>th</sup> by express we only received this forenoon, and immediately sent off a fresh express to Virginia. Dispatches have been sent to the Militia Officers throughout this State to hold their different corps in readiness to march upon the shortest notice. It gives us concern to find from information just now received from Dorset and Caroline Counties on the Eastern Shore, that there are likely to be disturbances in those Counties (for want of salt it is said) of a serious nature. the progress the disaffected have made we have not time to transmit by this opportunity without detaining your messenger; but we shall send duplicates of the information we received to our Delegates by to morrows Post, who probably will arrive in Philadelphia almost as soon as this bearer

Nov<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1776

John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Council to Capt. Martin.]

No. 19.

Sir. In answer to yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> we must observe that if Cap<sup>t</sup> Stone should be so obstinate as to replevy the Brigg after he has petitioned the Convention and desired the same to be postponed to next session, we shall take care to give security to answer all damages on behalf of the State, and send her away, so that you need not regard what is said about a writ of replevin. An anchor and cable you may have if to be got. the 4<sup>w</sup> 3<sup>w</sup> and swivel balls be pleased to order at Cap<sup>t</sup> Ridgely's furnace, if there be none to spare in the Stores. Should any writ of replevin be served on the Brigg, let us know immediately.

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1776

Capt<sup>n</sup> John Martin

[Council to Maj. Muse.]

No. 20.

Sir We are informed by Col<sup>o</sup> James Murray that you will take charge of a sum of money to be delivered out to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Sparrow as occasion may require. We have inclosed you an order on the Eastern Shore Treasurer for the sum of fifty pounds for that purpose, and request you to deliver out the money to him in proportion to the number of men he may