

C. S. C. enlist. We have given a warrant to M^r Sparrow to enlist men for the Matross companies.

Nov^r 21st 1776

Maj. Thomas Muse.

No. 21.

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

Sir. Should Captain Stone replevy the Brigg, you will be pleased to let us know immediately that we may give the necessary security and proper orders to the Sheriff. Captⁿ Stone petitioned the Convention and by his own desire the affair was postponed. Should he now issue a writ of Replevin, it can be only to obstruct the voyage, which we are determined, if possible the vessel shall be at liberty to make; the Interest of the State requires it, and on behalf of the public are able and willing to give security to answer all damage. We are glad to hear that Captⁿ King and Captⁿ Gibbons are ready, or near ready to sail, pray dispatch the Brigg as fast as possible. Get Ship-Stuff work the Bread, if necessary, we rely on you and shall pay all reasonable demands. Get Beef for the present as much as can be salted with 500 bushels of salt. The residue of the salt please send to us by first opportunity. Pork will be plenty, we expect soon, and we doubt Salt very scarce.

We are sorry to hear the Tradesmen complain, particularly M^r Dugan, sure never was a time when an industrious Tradesman could get more, than at your town at present. You may spirit them up with good words, and we will find them money. Neither French nor English can have any further indulgence in puting flour or Tob^o on board the Brigg, and so be pleased to let them know.

Nov. 20th 1776

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth.

P. S. Since writing the above we rec^d y^{rs} of the 21st informing us that Captⁿ King had sailed, and Kely almost ready. We have ordered Canvass Con. for the Jibb sail. Be pleased to wait on M^r Christie the Sheriff of Balt^o and let him know that we shall take care on behalf of the State to give him security to indemnify him and to pay Captain Stone all damages, and that we shall be glad to see the Sheriff when he comes to Annapolis.

[J. Nicholson to Council.]

Baltimore Nov. 21st 1776.

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I received yours of the 17th yesterday, and have now to inform you M^r Turnbull returned four days since from the