

Eastern Shore, where he has been detained by sickness, he c. s. c.
thinks he will have the Accounts ready by Sunday or Monday
next, when I shall certainly come down to Annapolis with him
to endeavour a Settlement. M^r Turnbull left purser Morris
very ill behind him, was he hear shoud bring him likewise,
but as your suspicions has alarm'd me, I shall loose no time in
endeavouring to Convince you, I do not intend wronging the
province.

I am Gentleⁿ y^r most obedient Humb. Serv^t
James Nicholson.

[C. Dugan to Council.]

Thursday Nov. 21st 1776.

Gentleⁿ

the Bearer C^a Kelty waits on you for some canvas to make
a foresail for the Schooner, Ninety Two, which sail we now
find wanting, it is a very great misfórtune for us all, that this
sail shoud be wanting as it will cause a detention of two days
longer to the vessell, and no longer, as they sail-maker says
he'll engage to compleat it after he gets the Canvas, in less
than two days.

The reason of this Sails being now out of the way is owing
to the Ship Defence, who took all the 92's sails a considerable
time agoe, on some occasion of puting them with many other
sails into her Grateings, and this sail is somewhere mislaid
that nobody can tell where. I hope this stopage will not do
much damage, being in hopes that a new Foresail for this
Vessell whoes other sails are all old; will answer some good
purposes however am willing to make an allowance for it that
you may think just and reasonable the last of the 92's cargo
left me last Monday being now intirely full her cargo is—
620 Barrells of flour, 200 Barrells Bread 146 kegs fine bread,
20 hhds. Tobacco, & abo^t 3 thousand of your hh^d and Barrell
Staves; invoice and Bill Lading of which shall render you as
soon as I get this foresail, and the Vessell away from here,
C^a Kelty has shiped some people and I have put in a man for
mate, that shoud not a better man offer send us masⁿ this is a
man whose family lives here, well attached to the Cause, but
do wish for a more active smart man, however C^a Kelty says
he seems to behave exceeding well.

I am Gentlemen in great haste, as the
bearer waites while I write,
Your most Obed^t
C. Dugan