

talion, note what change there has been by promotions, death c. s. c. or otherwise, and who are proper to succeed, and then we will send up the commissions.

Dec^r 6, 1776

Messrs William Lux and others.

[Council to Capt. Cook.]

No. 42.

Sir. We received yours of the 4th of December and have wrote M^r Hollingsworth to purchase some of the vessels, and rum or such other things as may be wanted. We can supply you with the sail Cloth, be pleased to send down when you want it.

Dec^r 6th 1776

Capt. G. Cooke.

[Council to R. Cummins.]

No. 43.

Sir. We are a good deal hurried to day in answering Letters by the post, and in dispatching one of our Vessels. We shall give you full opportunity to renew your Contract on terms perhaps of more advantage than that of the last year. Should it not be renewed we will take your Beef and Pork at such a price as you shall be no looser by.

Dec^r 6 1776

M^r Rob^t Cummins.

[Council to Willing and Morris.]

No. 44.

Gentlemen. The enclosed Letters were forwarded to us by M^r Chase, we beg that you will pay to Capt. Pote thirteen Hundred and twenty pounds currency, with 10 p ct. Interest thereon, and even to pay paper Dollars at 7/6 rather than let the order be returned, and charge the same to Acc^t of this State, which shall be a sett off against Part of the money heretofore advanced to you for Arms and Ammunition.

Dec^r 6th 1776

Messrs Willings & Morriss.

[Council to Maryland Delegates.]

No. 45.

Gentlemen. Since we wrote you by last Friday's Post, Capt. Conway has arrived from Martinique with a valuable Cargoe, consisting of one thousand bushels of Salt, some Linens, Woolens, Canvas, small arms Gun-powder and flints, to the value of nearly four thousand pounds Eustatia Currency, and some valuable Cargoes for others on freight. we