

c. s. c. shall have cloathing for our Matross Companies and some to spare some for the troops that may be raised in the province for continental Service. Capt. Thomas brings us the agreeable news that a large quantity of Cloathing hath been taken in one of the Enemies Transports, a seasonable supply we hope for the use of our distressed Troops. We are collecting shoes with all diligence, and will send forward one thousand pair or more if you request it. Pray let us know the quantity wanted. Stockings are scarce and we doubt will not be got till late if at all. Stephen Steward has promised us an order on his brother in Philad^a which we will send you as soon as we can get it from him. You have heard no doubt of the arrival of the ship Defence, she has taken five Prizes none of any great value (one has been retaken and taken again by Capt. Campbell) Some of the best vessels we propose buying for the Province, and shall send out as soon as possible.

We have heretofore wrote the Board of War about the Indians M^r Chase mentions but on reiterating the request by him, we have wrote General Hooper and desired him to make a particular Enquiry, there are none detained in this Province, but shall write more fully when we hear from Brigadier Hooper, who is near the spot, and must know their situation. We received the letter wrote us by M^r Matthew Tilghman, and are obliged to him for the intelligence; the prospect is not very agreeable but we hope Cornwallis will be repulsed. sure 6 or 7000 men will never be able to penetrate through the Jerseys to Phil^a. We cannot as yet believe it.

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The Delegates in Congress.

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[Capt. Cook to Council.]

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Honrd Gent.

The Snow George arived the 4th Inst. that we took November the second and afterwards retaken by one of the ministerial Ships, soon after that the Privateer Capt. Campbell took her again, she is now lybell'd in their names. As the ship Defence first took her, the Province and Ship's company has a right to some part and it will be necessary to have some Attorney employed to claim that part before the Board of Admiralty when she is to be condem'd. I hope you'll please to appoint some Gent. of the Law for that purpose. I have the Honor to be,

Honor'd Gent.

Your very humb^{le} Servant,
Geo. Cook.