

C. S. C.

[Steward to Council.]

December the 14th 1776.

Gentelmen.

Capt. Hamond went from hear last Tusday in one of the province boats to Anapulus what he went after I dont no, he has not been hear since I got his schooner redey to sail, bent his sails for him and everyting else, I am in want of sum thin canvess to make a Jibb and Squar sail for another schooner, I have been tould you have now a large quanttey come in. Pleas to send me down 2 Bolts of the thindest you have, number 3. 4. 5 or 6. W'd want fore bolts the horse cant bring more than two conveniently.

I am Gentelmen
Your most obed^t Servant
Stephen Steward.

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Sunday, December 15. 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.
Copy of Letter N^o 60 was sent to Capt. George Cook, and
Copy of N^o 61 to the Delegates in Congress.
Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

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No. 60.

[Council to Cook.]

Captⁿ G. Cooke

Sir. The assistance of the men belonging to the Defence may be of service to the common cause at Philadelphia. We request you therefore to march immediately without loss of time with all the men that can be spared from the necessary care of the Ship whilst in harbour. When in Philadelphia you are to obey the direction of the Hon^{ble} Congress.

M^r Chase having mentioned nothing of great guns in his letter to Captⁿ Nicholson, we think none ought to be removed 'till further orders. Let the men take their small arms &c. and let no time be lost.

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No. 61.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

The Delegates in Congress

Gentⁿ. In consequence of a verbal message from the President of Congress delivered to us by Col^o Ewing, we instantly gave the necessary orders to the Commanding officers of Frederick Baltimore & Harford and Cæcil Counties to call together the Militia of those Counties to be in readiness to march to the assistance of Philadelphia expecting that we