and none more worthy within the circle of my acquaintance in the State of Maryland.

I am, Honble Gent.

Your most obedt Humb<sup>1</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> Geo. Cook.

C. S. J.

Tuesday December 24. 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mr Stephen West One hundred Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three

Pounds for a Musquet.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Chrysal twenty Bushels of Salt.

Copy of Letter N° 69 was sent to M<sup>r</sup> David Stewart, Baltimore Town, and Copy of N° 70 to Samuel Chase Esq.

Adjourned till Thursday 10 O'Clock, and from thence till [Friday]

C. S. C. No. 69.

[Council to D. Stewart.]

Mr David Stewart-

Sir. Upon considering the application of Capt<sup>n</sup> — with regard to his and his men's private venture of four casks Rum, two casks of Molasses, fifty w<sup>t</sup> Coffee, one case of gin & three casks of Limes, on Board the Prize taken by Capt<sup>n</sup> Cooke, we do give up the Part due to the State, and hereby inform you thereof.

Decr 23rd 1776

No. 70.

[Council to Chase.]

Sami Chase Esqr

Sir. We are desirous that Col<sup>o</sup> Gist or any other of the Colo<sup>s</sup> who have commissions in the Continental Service should have the bounty-money necessary to enlist their men. We apprehend this would be done by Congress as a matter of course without any application to us. Col. Gist says you think otherwise, therefore we have wrote this line, and request you will forward the delivery of the money to the several officers for recruiting as speedily as possible.

Decr 23rd 1776

Original.

[T. Johnson to Council.]

Gent.

Fred. Town 24th Decr 1776

I inclose you a resignation of M<sup>r</sup> Azel waters as Quarter Master in Col<sup>o</sup> James Johnson's Battalion. M<sup>r</sup> Richard Butler