

lars of the Damage sustained by Commodore Parker. We C. S. C. have information from below that Lord Dunmore hath been beat off at Gwinns Island, and we have too much reason to believe by intelligence from a Deserter who was examined before us yesterday, that Gov^r Eden is still on board the Fowey. they have Seventy-two Sail of Vessells, divers of them small sharp Rigged Sloops or Boats.

We have received M^r Stone's Letter of the 12th but know not what answer to give as to supplying Tents, until we can see how our Canvas holds out;—do not believe it will be in our power to furnish any in time.

19th July 1776

[Steward to Council.]

Original.

Gentlemen.

The Bearer Cap^t Ewing has a ship to dispose of she is a new vessel and as well built one as ever I see. She is really a complete piece of work and stout enough to carry 8 or 10 six pounder with fifty men. She draws less water than any vessel of her size. She has new ankers, cabels and rigging; her mainsells new but not large enough for the revenue Service. I would agreed with him for her but am in some doubts of her sailing fast by the wind. There is no doubt of her sailing exceeding fast from the wind. Cap^t Ewing has agreed to carry her to Annapolis to you. I have told him you would get Gilbert Midelton try how she sails by the wind. Gil Midelton will make proper allowance for her being badly saild. If she will answer the end of sailing by the wind she may be made so able that nothing but men a war can hurt her and then She run in to such shoal water from that they could not get at her. I think when she has fifty men with water and provision and ten six pounder. She will not draw more than 6½ feet water. If M^r Midelton finds she will answer the end of sailing by the wind, She may be bought from Cap^t Ewing for 450£ or 475£ and he must find you a new mast Boom and all other spars for they are all too short.

I am your most obed^t humble Serv^t

July 19th 1776.

Stephen Steward

I have had a good deal of business with Cap^t Ewing and have always found him very punctual.

S. S.

[Scott to Jenifer?]

Original.

Hon^d Sir.

Some time past I purchased a parcell of Country Linnen about 420 yards, in order to send into the lower counties to get a quantity of wool for our Factory, but on inquiry found