

[Council to Lowndes.]

C. S. C.
No. 143.

February 6th 1777.

Sir. We received yours of the 27 January and shall be much obliged to you to let us have about ten ton of Cordage of all sizes, some cables and other lesser sizes. We must pay you what is reasonable the price of hemp and all other circumstances considered. Should any diversity of sentiment arise, we are willing the matter should be left to indifferent persons who are acquainted with business. We are, &c.

Christopher Lownds Esquire.

[Petition of Zachariah Tilley.]

To the Honourable Brigadier General Smallwood.

The petition of Zachariah Tilley humbly sheweth, That your petitioner has served during the last campaign, as a soldier in Capt. Barton Lucas's company, under your command; and is now absent from the army on Furlough. That your Petitioner having been bred to the business of a Ship Carpenter, conceives he can be of more service to his country by working for the Publick in that capacity, than by continuing as a soldier; as he understands that Ship Carpenters are much wanted in the public Dock yards.

Your petitioner therefore most humbly prays that he may be discharged from the army, that he may be at liberty to serve the States in the business to which he was bred and your petitioner shall ever pray &c.

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We whose names are hereunto subscribed do certify that Zachariah Tilley was bred to the business of a Ship Carpenter, under his Father and brothers; and that he worked at that trade, until he enlisted into the army last winter.

(Signed) William Sydebotham, Henry Bradford, William Murdock, Chr^r Loundes, Robt. Dick, Richard Henderson, Peter Carns, Thomas Cramphin, Richard Ponsonby.

[Queen Anne's Co. Committee to Council.]

Gent^{tn} In Committee Queen Anns County Feb. 5th 1777.

The recommendation of Congress of the 21st ult. with the requisition of the Council of Safety, we received per Express on the 28th and on consideration thereof (that no time might be lost in forwarding the service recommended to our attention) we forthwith sent circular letters to the captains of the