

c. s. c. marching into it your Battallion of Militia in order to assist General Hooper in quelling the insurrection in Somerset & Worcester Counties.

With the greatest respect & regard  
Sir your most Obed. Serv<sup>ts</sup>

[R. Ridgely to Assembly.]

In Council of Safety Annapolis Feb<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1777.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> General Assembly. In consequence of your directions to send immediately two armed cutters to cruize between Cape Hatteras and Chingoteague Inlet, for the purpose of giving early intelligence to all vessels bound to this State, of the ships of War now stationed in this Bay. We have endeavoured to get vessels ready for that purpose, but find it impracticable to procure the Captains on the Bounty and ordinary wages, or men on their present pay, which we think proper to inform you of, and submit to your further consideration.

(By order)

R. Ridgely Sen.

[William Johnson to Council.]

Fells Point February 19<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Gent.

I some time agoe informed you I had engaged a quantity of light canvas suitable for tents but receiving no answer I sent M<sup>r</sup> Barrance down to Annapolis to get a particular answer. He was informed that my letter was answered to M<sup>r</sup> Hopkins or Hollingsworth, but on enquiry of them can get no intelligence, whether you intend to take it or not. I therefore beg you'll be kind enough to let me know by Capt. Robertson who brings this, whether you will take this canvas or not. there is about 600 yards at 7½ per yard, full ell wide should you take it please send me an order for the money on your agent here.

I am Gentlemen with great Respect,

Your humble Servant,

The Honble The Council of Safety,  
Annapolis

William Johnson.

N. B. It takes about 18 yds of this to a tent and 30 yards of the Osnaburg or Ticklenburg.

c. s. J.

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 1777

Council Met. Present as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 168 was sent to William Johnson and  
Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 169 was sent to Capt. George Cooke.