

c. s. c. being able to get the time of their entry from M^r Turnbull, tho' repeatedly have asked for it, this uncertain condition causes a great perplexity. however from every circumstance I think it best to settle with the whole of them, and endeavour to reenter as many as possible I can. the Frigate has opened a rendezvous by which means they get most of the Seamen in this place, it would enable me to get men for the ship much sooner, if you should approve of our opening a house of that kind likewise, I arrive here on Saturday and should have wrote you sooner, but thought of waiting on you which I now have declin'd, as I expect to have one side of the Ship out tomorrow and properly cleaned this week. I intend to engage the Seamen for the ship during the warr if possible, but hope you'll be pleased to write me fully the manner you'll have them entered, and what encouragement they may expect as to Prize money which bears great weight with them, for should it be less than in the Continental service, it will be with difficulty they'll enlist. I shall use my utmost endeavour to get the Ship ready as quick as possible. Your letter to me wherein you directed me to employ an attorney to put in a claim for the Snow George, I did not receive till the day I set out for Philadelphia, the hurry in setting of prevented me from speaking to M^r Buchanan to do it, so that there was no claim laid. An appeal to Congress will be easily done by a few lines from you to M^r Chase, or who else you may approve of.

I have the Honor to be Hon^{ble} Gent.

Your most obed^t Hum^{ble} Serv^t Geo. Cook.

The Hon^{ble} Council of Safety of Maryland
at Annapolis

P. S. I should have enclosed you a list of those deserted at Philadelphia but have not one made out, but shall send one by the first opportunity and should be glad to know whether I shall advertise them or not.

G. C.

Original.

[Aquila Hall to Council.]

Gent. The Bearer, Mr. James Allison has a mind to enter into the service of his Country, he is a man of Courage, and is a Friend to the Common Cause, he will accept of an Ensign or second Lieutⁿ Commission, if they are not all provided for. I am Gentⁿ y^r Hum. Serv^t

Harford Jan^y the 7th 1777

Aquila Hall.

C. S. J.

Wednesday, January 8. 1777.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Gordon seven hundred and forty one Pounds two Shillings.