

c. s. c. consideration, if it would not be well to send your Tender to the mouth of Potomack, or any other place you may think better, and there open a Rendezvous, you may by this step forward the Enlistment.

We send you the Time of Entry from M^r Turnbull for your Government. You will, we doubt not, expedite the Defence all in your power. Delay is dangerous, and much may depend upon her hastily getting to Sea. Be pleased to apply to M^r Chase and show him our letter, he will do what is necessary relative to the Snow Georgia

We are &c.

To Capt. G. Cooke.

No. 93.

[Council to Rumsey.]

January 9th 1777.

Sir, We have been informed that in consequence of the application of Congress to the Committee of your county, the militia of it have been held in readiness to march, and as it may be you may wait for the orders of General Chamberlaine, we inform you that he has resigned his commission; therefore you'll be pleased without further delay to act in conformity to what has or may be required of you by Congress.

To Col. Charles Rumsey.

We are, Sir, &c.

No. 94.

[Council to Buchanan.]

Jany. 9, 1777.

Sir, We received your letter by Vincent Trapnell, who came down to the Council of Safety in consequence of your advice to him, he alleged a number of facts by way of mitigation or excuse for his conduct, we gave him an opportunity of verifying those facts by affidavits or evidence to be produced, and appointed him to attend on yesterday the eighth of this month, and also wrote Captain Bosley, who came down, but Trapnell has not appeared. He sent some Depositions and wrote the weather was not good enough for him to come down; we do not think this excuse sufficient, and therefore request you would give the necessary orders to have him arrested and brought before the Board as soon as possible. Should you meet with any difficulties, you will call in the necessary assistance, and apply to the Committee of observation for their advice, should you want it. This man must not be suffered to behave in the manner he does, the example may be dangerous; we have a letter from Samuel Baxter the Collector of Middle river upper hundred who has likewise complained of obstructions in the execution of his duty. We