

Unless in future all prisoners taken by vessells of our State are detained, such of our people, as fall into the Enemies' hands, cannot be redeemed. This subject is of consequence, and demands the attention of your Board.

Your obed^t Serv^t
Sam^l Chase.

Honble Council of Safety.

P. S. I have had some conversation with M^r Jeremiah Chase relative to Snow George. He thinks a claim good by an appeal to Congress. If you think proper you'll please to write to him concerning said Snow, and inform him of your intention I am,
G. Cook.

Monday, January 20, 1777.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday except M^r Jenifer and M^r Contee.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Steward One thousand Dollars by Order and for the use of General Smallwood.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Green Eleven Pounds two Shillings.

Copy of Letter N^o 119 was sent to Capt. Frederick Deams. Commissions issued to Edward Gale appointed second Lieutenant to Captain William Brown's Company of Matrosses, and to Thomas Henry Howard, Surgeon Assistant to Doct^r Tootell.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Deams.]

Jan^y 20th 1777.

C. S. C.
No. 119.

Sir. We received your letter by Sergeant Rodwell and have sent one hundred and seventy shirts and eighty five pair of shoes by him, which we hope will come safe to your hands. The rest of your clothing you are to get on the best terms you possibly can, and with all expedition. Blanketts we have none you may get some perhaps at Philadelphia on your way up. You must loose no time in preparing to march. When you are near ready come down to us and settle your account and get your commissions
We are, &c.

Capt. Frederick Deams.

[Thos. Johnson, Jr., to Council.]

Original.

Gent.

Philadelphia 20th Jan^y 1777.

I received yours of the 10th Instant, and am obliged by your attention to my request for the shoes. The present price