

know when I may see him I imagine it would doe best you c. s. c. should name a Capt. for the Gally, & leave the masting to him.

Thursday, January 2, 1777.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to M<sup>r</sup> Wilkins three hundred Pounds on Account of the Fortifications.

That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three Pounds for a musquet.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Wells four hundred and fifty four Pounds four shillings and a Penny. Also the further sum of four hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Woulds twelve Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Dennis fifteen Shillings.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 80 was sent to George Wells, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 81 to Christopher Lowndes.

Permit granted to William Yeadsly Commander of the Schooner Spry to go to the Island of Curacoa.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Wells.]

C. S. C.  
No. 80.

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1777.

Sir. Herewith you will receive the Balance of your account for Row Galley No. 1. Likewise an advance of four hundred pounds to go on with No. 2. both which vessels you must recollect ought by your agreement to have been finished by the 30<sup>th</sup> of October last, therefore double diligence is certainly now necessary to forward the other with all Expedition which we hope and trust you will do. We observe a quantity of Rum charged for the Workmen, but think it would be better to ascertain how much is required, or given to each particular. A Captain is appointed to the Galley who will order and direct her masting, and are, &c.

To M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Wells.

[Council to Lowndes.]

No. 81.

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1777.

Sir. The Council of Safety are desirous of contracting for a quantity of Cordage on behalf of the State, they request you would let them know by a line whether you could furnish