

left at Magruder's for you, we expect M^r Magruder will deliver c. c. you, according to our Letter to him, a Load of barrelled Fish, which you will take in and proceed with to Charles Town with all Expedition and deliver to M^r Patrick Hamilton, taking his Receipt.

William Middleton

[Council to Messrs. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1778.

Gen^t

We are very desirous of having up our Part of the Linens imported in the Brigantine Lively, by Captains Walker and Gordon. We have wrote to M^r Charles Howard of this Place, who we believe is in your Parts or if not, to Col^o Stewart of Somerset, to divide the Goods and receive ours from you agreeable to the Invoice Letter and Order of M^r Morris & Mess^{rs} J. M. Nesbitt & Co. which we have sent down. We understand that the Invoice is of the Goods only which belong to Mess^{rs} Nesbitt & Co. and that M^r Morris has about a like Quantity of the same kind of Goods, and that we are to have one fourth of the Whole. The Linens of the same Species differing in many Instances in Price and we suppose in Quality, we request that great Attention may be had to distinguish as far as can be in the Invoice of those we receive which Pieces they are.

We are &^{ca}

Mess^{rs} Isaac & Thorowgood Smith }
Merch^{ts} Onancock. }

[Council to R. Harrison.]

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1778.

Sir

This by the Molly Cap^t Deshon. Cap^t Conway's declining to go again in this Vessel and her Distance from us, put us under Difficulties and has occasioned great Delay. Vanbibber undertook to get us a Cap^t; we left it with him, as his Anxiety to get something into your Hands, we knew, would prompt his Exertions; we inclose you a Copy of his Letter, which shews his good Opinion of Deshon and the Contract he made with him. The Gen^l Smallwood, we expect, will sail with Tobacco & Flower about the same Time as the Molly. The Difficulty and great Expence of procuring Cargoes at the Inlets makes it desirable these Vessels should come into the Bay, and we have Expectations if, as probable, there should be a French War the