

No. 154 lighten your Musquet Barrels a little towards the Muzzles they will
be very good. Winters speaks well of these he last looked.
Col. Henry Hollingworth } We are &c.
Head of Elk - - }

Sir. In Council 10th Aug. 1777.
We are and have for some Time past, been in great Want of the
Guns you contracted to make for the Public. Those that have
155. been proved you'll deliver to Capt. Walker; if more are ready for
proving, let Maj. Smith know the Number, and he will send some
Body to prove them. We hope those at least which were cast and
not bored when the others were proved, are now finished.
W. Saml. Dorsey. We are &c.

Sir. In Council 10th Aug. 1777.
We inclose you a Copy of a Resolution of Congress and a List of the
Carolina Prisoners in Frederick Town, as given in to the Governour
when he was last up there. We are willing to enlarge the Limits
156. of these Prisoners to three Miles from Frederick Town, a Distance
we think fully sufficient for agreeable Exercise or to afford an
Opportunity of making the Continental Allowance go the farthest
for their comfortable Support; but, as the Paroll signed by some of
them is not so definite and precise as all Parolls ought to be,
we think it is proper that each should sign a Paroll, agreeing
with this Enlargement, give up the old Counterparts and take Copies
of the new.
John Hanson Esq. We are &c.

Capt. George Cooke 17th Aug. 1777.
The Intelligence received this Morning from Timson, makes
it necessary that we instantly prepare in the best manner we can, for
the Defence or to enable us to assist our Friends. If the Enemy should
157. design to send any considerable Force up the Bay, there will, as it
appears to me, be no Place of Security for your Ship, but at Baltimore
where too, she may eventually assist in the Defence of that Town. The
Gallies at Baltimore we wish to be made as serviceable as may be.
You are therefore to run the Defence within the Boom at Balt-
put what of your Men you can in the Gallies. Shew this Instruction
to the Officers on board them, which they are to consider as a particular
Order to them to come down with their Gallies. You are to furnish
what Guns or other Necessaries you can from the Defence, to the
Gallies and Maj. Smith is also requested to give them what Assistance
he can, you will also come down in one of the Gallies yourself.
Capt. George Cooke. } We are &c.