

expedition, and that not a moment should be lost in
taking the necessary measures. We are &c
9th July 1776

No. 8. To Mr. Stephen Steward.

Sir The Council of Safety will take Mr. Spriggs
bespoke, if you are of opinion, that she will make a
fast sailer, & can hold water, and suit this Province
as an armed vessel, of which please to advise us in
writing, and request she may be got ready with the
utmost dispatch — we hope and expect a fortnight
will complete her — when you ^{can} set off for the
last time to examine the vessels, which are offered as
suitable for the purpose? — we want them —
you promised to be with us on Friday, but we did not
understand whether you could immediately go over the Bay —
this matter requires dispatch, and we beg your immedi-
ate answer; if you can go, we shall be much
pleas'd — if you cannot go; do you know any one, who
would be proper to send on that Business?

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