

much clamour about the appointment of field officers that I did not choose to accept of a Commission unless I was agreeable to the people, for which purpose I have done myself the pleasure of waiting upon several Companies to take their sentiments on the matter, and have met with their general approbation, therefore if your Honours think proper to promote me as a field officer please do me the favour to send a Commission by Captain Lucas, who will satisfy your honours that I am the oldest person in Commission except Col<sup>o</sup> Joshua Beall of the 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion, and that I have heretofore exerted myself in the cause of Liberty as much as any one in the Province; and you may rely upon an exertion of my utmost abilities in future to support the cause, whatever my station may be. You will please to defer issuing commissions for my Company till I come up, which will be within a fortnight from this time, when I shall return recommendations for officers agreeable to the Company. Confiding in your doing me justice respecting this application, I remain with the greatest regard

Gentlemen your honors most obed<sup>t</sup> h<sup>ble</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Andrew Beall.

C. S. J.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That Major Gist furnish Captain Fulford with a Quantity of Cloth sufficient to cloath his Company.

M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Ruxton Moore was appointed third Lieutenant of Captain Fulford's Company of Matrosses. Commission issued to him accordingly.

Ordered That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Purviance Junior, William Smith and David Stewart pay to Mess<sup>rs</sup> William Lux and Daniel Bowly twelve hundred and two Pounds eighteen Shillings and nine pence, being the Ballance of their Account with the province in Consequence of an Adventure by the Schooner Seaflower.

Permit was granted to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel Purviance Jun<sup>r</sup> William Smith and David Stewart and others concerned in the Adventure p<sup>r</sup> the Schooner Seaflower, to export the Produce of this Province to the Amount of four hundred and eighty nine Pounds and five pence agreeable to a Resolution of Congress.

Doct<sup>r</sup> George Budd was appointed Surgeon of the Ship Defence, and Doct<sup>r</sup> Nathan Dorsey jun<sup>r</sup> Mate.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.