

C. S. J. the 18th Day of this instant December in the Evening, Cards were delivered to sundry Persons in the City of Annapolis to the following Effect; "You are hereby ordered to depart this City to-morrow 9 O'Clock. signed J. Weems in Behalf of Ann Arundel County." Which Cards we are informed were delivered by Stephen Steward junior; the Council of Safety having taken the same into Consideration, are of Opinion that such Cards are contrary to the Resolves of Congress and Convention, and against the 21st Section of the Declaration of Rights, which asserts "That no Freeman ought to be taken or imprisoned, or deprived of his Freehold Liberties or Privileges, or outlawed, or exiled, or in any manner destroyed, or deprived of his Life, Liberty, or property but by the Judgment of his Peers, or by the Law of the Land." Ordered therefore that the said John Weems and Stephen Steward Junior attend the Council of Safety on the thirtieth Day of this December, to shew by what authority the said Cards were so made out and delivered.

Ordered that separate Copies be made out and served on the said John Weems and Stephen Steward Junior, and that M^r Allen Quynn be and is hereby appointed for that Purpose. Adjourned till next Day 10 o'clock.

C. S. C.
No. 67.

[Council to Barnes.]

Col^o Abraham Barnes

Sir. Information has been made to us that M^r Sam^l Abell of Saint Mary's County being lately chosen Sheriff of said County declined to act as Inspector, which office he has for some time past exercised. Should this be the case, M^r Abell must make a written resignation of his office of Inspector to the Committee, and you will then deliver the enclosed Commission to M^r Enoch Fenwicke Sen^r, and transmit us an Acc^t of such you proceedings.

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No. 68.

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

M^r Jesse Hollingsworth

Sir. M^r Howard tells us that a quantity of Pigg iron has been delivered at Fell's Point on behalf of the public, for which no receipt has been given. we request the favor of you to see that the quantity of Iron is right, according to account of Ridgely Howard & Lux, and give a receipt for the same & have it taken care of

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