

[Council to B. Matthews.] c. c.

In Council Annapolis 19th Feb^{ry} 1778. 91

Sir.

If your Galley is ready we request you to bring her down without Delay, if she is not, we would have her finished with the greatest Dispatch as her immediate Service is required.

Cap^t Matthews.

We are &^{ca}

[Council to I. Fenwick.] 92

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Sir

We had an Account of the Capture of the Lydia and supposed you had fallen into the Hands of the Enemy. We shall be glad to see you up as you propose. There can be no Justice or Colour for the Claim of the Sailors to the Things saved; those we would have sent to us by Cap^t David or, if he cannot bring them, have secured. We do not know what Contracts you made with the Seamen, from what passed, we expected you would be obliged to give River Pay; if so, we think them entitled to their Wages or if they had not contracted, they will be entitled for the Time they were in our Service, wherefore we would have you, unless they contracted for the Voyage and had their Advance, and were not by Contract, excluded from River Pay, to settle their Accounts and pay up to the Time of the Capture.

Cap^t Ignatius Fenwick.

We are &^{ca}

[Council to N. Potter.] 93

In Council Annapolis 19th Feb^{ry} 1778.

Sir.

We have sent by M^r Gibson's Boat, 30 Bushels of Salt to be delivered at M^r Bakers; he was here and promised to forward it to you. You will be pleased to return the Bags to M^r Baker and he'll send them back to us with some he has of ours. We had no Expectation of the Congress relying in any considerable Degree, on this State, for a Supply of Provisions & therefore thought we might have procured the Quantity we wanted in the most convenient Situations, which occasioned our not requesting Purchases to be made so early as we otherwise should have done, but since Christmass, we have been desired to give what Assistance we could to the Continental Purchasers, and left them all the Room we could, without rivalling them. It is yet almost indifferent to us whether the Pork is bought for the Congress or this State and would by no Means raise the Price above £5. We send you £500 to lay out for us. Be so obliging as to procure Barrells. Buy