

C. S. C. acted in, on board the Ship Defence—the subalterns tho' otherwise very clever, want experience, and as we have been advised by Captⁿ Nicholson you have sailed in a vessel of Force and probably would accept the Command of our ship, and as we were well satisfied of your zeal, activity and prudence, we moved and obtained Liberty from the Convention to propose it to you to take the command of the Defence, you will please to favor us with your answer immediately and signify to us whether you will accept it. We wish you to receive the Commission, and leave it to yourself to determine if it will not be better to accept the command which probably will have continuance, than of the Battalion which will be disbanded the first of December.

6th July 1776

No. 62.

[Council to Beall.]

To Captⁿ Rezin Beall

Sir.

As Captain Thomas is directed by the Honorable Convention to March immediately with his Company to the Northward, and as tis proper his men should be as compleately armed as possible, we have ordered that you furnish him with such of the Guns with Bayonets belonging to your Company as may be sufficient for that purpose. He will leave with you what of his Guns have not got Bayonetts—we desire to have a particular state of the arms of your Company after Captⁿ Thomas may have delivered you his, that we may immediately order you a proper supply from here to make up the Deficiency if there should be any wanting.

July 6 1776

No. 63.

[Council to Vanbbeber and Harrison.]

To Messrs. Vanbebber & Harrison

Sirs.

Inclosed you have Bill of Lading & Invoice of sundries shipped on Acc^t of this Province in the John, Captⁿ amt^s £ which you will dispose of to the best advantage. Captⁿ Martin is arrived with the needful, and your orders in his favor shall be paid at sight. The Brig is immediately to return to you. The articles we most want you have a list of enclosed. [Woollens for our soldiers we cannot do without.] Your letters of May 21st & M^r R. H. 15th June we have not Time to answer, particularly at this Time, being much hurried