

return with enough should I be forc'd from our capes. I'm in a great hurry to get this schooner away, and hopes you'l make my excuses to my most worthy friends Coll^o Fitzhugh & Coll^o Barnes, I doubt not but they will blame me for not writing them and must begg your favour to Reconcile that, and am in hopes when I've the pleasure of your and their company on board that I shall be able to clear it up to their satisfaction. Please except of my best wishes to your Lady and self, and if not too much trouble please offer my compliments to those of my friends. We are all in high spirits and very healthey, we have seen nothing we chas'd but what we have come up with and spoke with.

I am hon^d Sir, Y^r most obed^t Humb^l Serv^t
George Cook.

P. S. I have desired M^r Langrel Prize Master to send you and the other Gentlemen of the Council a few limes which I hope you'll please to accept.

G. C.

The Right Hon^{ble} George Plater, Esq.

Original.

[Bond to Jenifer.]

Cæcel County Oct. 30th 1776.

Sir. This may inform you that I am seting up a Gunfactory, which I expect will be ready to go about Crismas, where work will be done in the best manner, where gunbarrels may be had ready for stocking—any quality. Relying upon the public spirit of the Council I never made application, but hope to meet with encurragement, as it will cost a considerable sum of money to set it a-going. I may be obliged to aply for money to carry it on, in which case Sir, I beg your influence and allso in contracting for work. I beg Sir, that you would signify your pleasure respecting it in a letter, and in so doing you will much oblige,

Sir, Your most obedient and Humble Serv^t
Rich^d Bond.

M^r Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer Esq^r }
these per favour of M^r James Disney. }

C. S. J.

Thursday, October 31st 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Selby two hundred Pounds, for Am^t Acc^t

Permit was granted to John Norton Master of the Schooner Endeavour, to go to North Carolina, he having given Bond agreeable to Resolve of Convention.