

Ordered, That Major Gist deliver to Lieutenant John Stew- C. S. J.
ard one hundred Cartouch Boxes.

Ordered, That Colonel Francis Ware send fifteen hundred
Weight of Lead immediately to the Committee of Baltimore
County.

Copy of Letter N^o 52 was sent to M^r Carroll and Baltimore
Committee.

Adjourned 'till next Day 9 o'Clock.

[Council to Eden.]

C. S. C.
No. 51.

To his Excellency Rob^t Eden Esq^r

Sir.

Your Excellency will be pleased to inform Captain Squire,
that the Time has been, when we should have thought it an
honor and would with Pleasure have supplied any of his Maj-
esty's Ships with Provision, and are still not destitute of Hope,
a Time may yet come when we may enjoy that Satisfaction.

We have always considered Capt. Squires as a Man of
Humanity and a Gentleman, and as such cannot account for
the burning of a Vessel in full View of the People of this City,
as if meant to add Insult to Misfortune already too severely
felt by the People of this Province, who were always attached
to his Majesty and his Family, And who cannot be reprobated
for defending themselves against any Invasion of their native
and Charter-Rights. We are willing to believe and shall be
glad of being confirmed therein, that this Step was not in Con-
sequence of any Order from him.

We are much obliged to your Excellency for the Paines you
have taken to preserve the Peace of this Province and beg that
you will still exert your Endeavours for the Restoration of
those happy days that we enjoyed under a constitutional
Dependence on the Mother Country.

March 10th 1776

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

No. 52.

To Charles Carroll Esq. and the Committee of Observation
for Baltimore County.

Dear Sir.

We are much hurried—the hostile Fleet are sailed down the
Bay and we are confident they will return in two or three
Days, therefore prepare for your Defence. We ordered Part
of Colo. Weems's Battalion at 12 o'clock last Night to guard
West River and at 12 o'Clock to-Day which was the Time the
Otter was weighing Anchor, ordered the Remainder of that