

That I may closely attend thereto, and shall from time to time inform you how we go on. The Prisoner Mr. Dennistoun is discharged from this ship agreeable to your letter to me, and should have done it on the first application but was informed the Board of Admiralty had the management of that business and my not seeing them was the reason. The Rum, sugar &c on board the Schooner Nancy will be sold on Monday next we shall want a sufficient quantity for the next cruise should be glad you'd appoint some one not belonging to the ship, either to purchase or procure what may be necessary in that purpose.

I have the Honor to be.

The Honble the Council of Safety
of Maryland
Annapolis

Hon^{ble} Gent.

Your Most Obedt Servt.
Geo. Cooke

Baltimore Dec 6th 1776.

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The Snow Goose arrived the 4th Inst. that we took November the 22nd and afterwards retaken by one of the Ministerial Ships, soon after that the Privateers

Capt. Campbell took her again, she is now by bell'd in their hands. As the ship Defiance first took her, the Province and Ship's Company has a right to some part and it will be necessary to have some Attorney employed to claim that part before the Board of Admiralty when she is to be condemned. I hope you'd please to appoint some Gent. of the Law in that purpose. I have the Honor to be.

Hon^{ble} Gent.

The Honble. the Council of Safety
of Maryland
Annapolis

Your very humble Servant
Geo. Cooke

December 7th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I take this opportunity to inform you of my success in procuring coles which has taken up most of my time till now, and have now as much as will last me twelve months. Have cast a few small guns, should be glad you would appoint some person to prove them this next week that in case they should not answer we might make another mixture of mettles. There is Mr. Swaunham or Mr. Hammit to that lives at the Landing if you think proper, which would be always on the spot or any person you please. Please appoint some one that will attend when requested in time.

Remain your humble Servt to com^d

The Honble.

Council of Safety
Annapolis.

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