

a Council Febr^v 16 [sic, for 15]. 1768

a Memorial to the King was signd & seald petitioning for money to defray the charges of different Observations about £4000 & recommending an Obs in Southern Lat

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a Council March 24. 1768

£4000 was granted by the King

a Council Ap^l 3^d. 1768

A letter from the admiralty to the Society informd them that a Cat of 370 tons was taken up in Consequence of his Majesties Command to Carry their Observers to the S Sea & desird the Society to acquaint them what people were to go & what instructions should be given to the Commander after he had arrivd in the Lat signified in the memorial an answer was orderd to be returnd signifying that the Observers would be two Gentlemen versd in the particular Science & with all convenient speed they would transmit the instructions

The president reported to the Council that he had recommended M^r Dalrymple to the Lords of the Admiral[ty] as Commander of the vessel but was told that such appointment was totaly repugnant to the rules of the navy M^r Dalrymple attending the Council declind the Employment of Observer unless he could Command so it was resolvd to Consider of a proper person in his place

a Council May 5th. 1768

the Society were informd that M^r J^s Cooke appointed by the admiralty to the Command of the vessel was a proper person to be one of the Observers was calld in & accepted the Office in Consideration of Such a gratuity as the Society should think fit & £120 a year for victualing himself & the Observer M^r Green was calld in & accepted the employment of Observer & agreed to the allowance aforesaid with the farther gratuity to himself of 200 Guineas for the Voyage or if it should exceed two years then 100 Guineas a year

a Council May y^e 19th. 1768

Cap^{tn} Cooke attended & accepted the sum of one hundred Guineas as a Gratuity for his trouble as one of the Observers

Orderd that £120 be paid to Cap^{tn} Cooke on account of the Expence of Victualing the Ship before he Sets out & that he be at liberty to draw upon the Society for any sum not exceeding £120 whilst on his Voyage

Orderd that M^r Green do provide Bed & bedding & charge it to the Society

Orderd that M^r Burrow do pay M^r Green £50 on account & that 50 £ Per Ann. be paid by quarterly payments to his Wife during his absence