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C. S. C.

Williamsburg Virginia 4th April 1776.

Gentlemen. We have this moment received the Inclosed packett, and forward it to you with all possible dispatch; Its importance will be known by the following extract, of the letter which inclosed it to us dated Newbern 30th March 1776. Gen^t I take the liberty to inclose to your care a paquet from South Carolina, containing dispatches of the utmost importance to the Colonies, which I am directed by the commee of Safety of that province to send on to the commee of Safety of the district of Newbern, requiring that you gentlemen will immediately forward it by express to the Commee of Safety of Virginia, & to desire them to forward it by express to the Commee of Safety of Maryland and to request that Commee to forward it with the utmost expedition to Philadelphia. I have given you their request in their own words, which will no doubt induce you to comply with their request Signed Cornelius Stamett and addressed to the Commee of Safety of Newbern district. For and by order of the Commee of Safety. I am Gen^t

Your most obed^t Servant, John Page. J. P.

Friday 5th April 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Permit was granted to William Logan to pass with his Vessel and a Cargo of Goods to Hobbs's Hall in the Colony of Virginia, he having taken the customary Oath that he will not carry any Letters or communicate Intelligence directly or indirectly to any Person or persons inimical to America.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for Charles County three hundred Pounds to enable them to procure Blankets and provide Subsistence for Captain Rezin Beall's independent Company.

Permit granted to Patrick Leybourne to go to Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Tillard Quarter Master of the South River Battalion twenty one Pounds five Shillings and three Pence on Account of the said Battalion when on Duty.

Resolved That the Pay of the Naval Officers in the Service of this Province be as follows to wit.