

c. s. c. Order last Monday and brought before us yesterday, but as we had not then Time to enquire particularly into his Offence we deferred it until we had little more Leisure and committed him to the Custody of a Guard; if upon Examination he should discover any Thing which we may apprehend will be of Service, we will immediately disclose it to you—we should have been glad to have had a Line from you by the Express, we have received the Money-Plates &c.

N. B. A. Ross was represented in the Letter to the Baltimore Committee as inimical to America, but not a Word said of him in that addressed to us—we inclose you Copies of a letter from J. R. & R. A. and our Passport in consequence thereof.

No. 126.

[Council to Ware.]

Sir.

We are in Hopes that by this Time your Family are much better than they were when you left us. Your Attendance is become necessary, we want you to take the Command at Baltimore Town; Col<sup>o</sup> Smallwood is so unwell, that Major Price cannot be spared from hence.

18<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1776

c. s. j.

Saturday 20 April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Commissions issued to Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Fadon appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, John Peter, 2<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant, and Edward Gale Ensign of Captain Thomas Richardson's Company of Militia in the lower District of Frederick County.

Also to Joseph Smith appointed Colonel of the 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion in the Room of Samuel Beall who resigned, Richard Davis, Lieutenant Colonel, Charles Swearingen 1 Major, and Christian Orendorff 2<sup>d</sup> Major of said Battalion.

Also to John Reynolds appointed Captain of a Company of Militia in the Upper District of Frederick County in the Room of Christian Orendorff appointed second Major of the 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Abraham Baker first Lieutenant and Christopher Orendorff second Lieutenant of said Company.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Col. John Steell thirty seven Pounds nineteen Shillings and six Pence for 51 Blankets.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Schley fifty Pounds on Account of his Contract for Rifles.