

hend your presence would greatly contribute to expedite their c. s. c. being properly armed and disciplined, as also accelerate their march, we should be glad to see you as soon as possible.

28th July 1776

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

No. 87.

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress

Gentⁿ

We have directed Cap^t Nicholson who goes to Phil^a on business of his own to endeavour to procure some salted provisions for the use of the navy, should any difficulties attend the execution of his orders, we must request you'll endeavour to remove them, and at the same time to advance him Money to pay for what he may engage.

29th July

[Council to Somerville.]

No. 88.

To Col^o Alex^r Somerville

Sir.

We are willing and desirous to ease the militia of your County all we can, with safety to the Province, and therefore have ordered Cap^t John Brooke to Drum Point, there to remain until Cap^t Beall returns, or until the further order of the Council of Safety; the Contractor is to furnish rations for his men.

29th July 1776

[Council to James Kent.]

No. 89.

To Capt. James Kent

Sir.

The Council-Safety request you'll immediately upon the receipt of this, attend them at Annapolis—they want to consult you upon an affair relative to the arming, march and equipping of the Battalion under your command.

July 29

[Council to George Dashiell.]

No. 90.

Col^o George Dashiell

Sir. We have given your Q^r Master M^r Severn Hitch an order on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore for the sum of £750 C^y which no doubt he will deliver you—this sum is intended to pay the militia for their services heretofore, also something to your Quartermaster; the remainder to answer growing expences of militia for which you are to render an