as posible in my charges and doe your business as well as I posibly can, and make the best bargains I can for you; but I declare if any person will doe it on better terms I should bee pleased. The timber is purchased redy and most of it down and I will hire them my carages (as there is no other) at a moderate rate, if any person will now bring it into the Yard on better terms then the proposalls I make. Wee shall lay one of the keels this day and and the other next week I hope, but expect a line from you on the before menshoned matters. I have furnisht the Yard with her Rum at market prices and my charges of every kind has been thought reasonable and a Lowd and they beg of mee to bee redy for them again with all my teems, carages and hands. So please gentlemen to write mee and if the Rum is to be furnisht for the Yard 2 drinks a day of grog and no more the carters and people rafting and geting Timber must have Rum, in that I want neither more nor less than I had with the Friggit, but thought it my duty to explain my bargin to you that you mout no the matter. have bought a Skow that will carry 600 bushells for £28 pounds a very good one. Pleas send for her I have sent some coffy, tee and nails to Anopolis, sum pots to Capt Vezey at Newtown. I have never heard if the ware recvd. Please let mee know about the bales I wrote by Mr Huckings. Excuse this long letter. Please answer it from Your Hble Servant. Balt. Aug. 15th 1776. Jesse Hollingsworth

C. S. J.

Friday 16th August 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captⁿ John Gunby forty five Pounds four shillings and three pence, on Acc¹ of his Comp^y

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captain Peter Mantz one hundred and twenty five pounds Cy for advance to

his comp^y

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Brice twenty

Pounds, for Horse Hire.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Pitt sixteen Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence for Boat Hire for Flying Camp.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to John Pitt seventy three

Pounds, fifteen shillings for his Look out Boat.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Captⁿ Mantz two Pounds, four shillings & eleven Pence for Bal^a of Acc^t filed.

Ordered That the Committee of Worcester County deliver to Captⁿ John Watkins all the musquets belonging to the public, in their possession.