

Saturday November 30, 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Frederick Teams two hundred and seventy three pounds six Shillings and seven Pence.

Ordered that the said Treasurer pay to Captain Ezekiel Towson fifty Pounds fifteen Shillings.

Mr John Bullen and Mr Gabriel Duvall, agreeable to an Order of yesterday, report to the Council, that upon Examination of the Pikes delivered into the Magazine by William Niven, they find that fifty of them are pretty good thirty five want hardening at the Point, and two hundred and fifty one are good for nothing: that of the number last mentioned, they are of Opinion that many are incapable of being made good being not sufficiently substantial for the Purpose for which they were intended: Thereupon Ordered that the Clerk write to the said William Niven and acquaint him to attend at the Magazine and receive the Pikes which by the above Report are unfit for Service.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Ezekiel Towson 12 Musquets fitted with Bayonets, 12 Cartouch Boxes and twenty Pounds of Lead.

Adjourned till Monday morning, 10 o'Clock.

[Steward to Council.]

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Gentillmen.

I have inclosed you Mr Graham's letter you will see by it I desired him to inquire of Mr Forbes how much Beef and Pork he could purchase and at what price I only got Mr Graham's letter yesterday I could not answer it before you had seen it now I shall be obliged to you to write me whether I shall engage Mr Forbes to purchase a quantity for the Province I would have waited on you but am very unwell with the Rumetism. If it is agreeable to you I will send some salt and get somebody to take care of the Beef. I mean to pay Mr Forbes 5 p^{cs} for the trouble of buying and paying for the Beef and Pork. I hope the guns are delivered the Captain of the Province Brigs did not chuse to deliver the small guns from the brigs till they were sold. the Junepher lys ready rigged, and no captain nor sailers it is a pity your fine vessels should be lying by the walls I wish the Province would sell the schooner to me I would give £1500 for her If you want to see me for any thing please to write me and I will come up I shall be much obliged to you if you will get one of your clerks to buy