

resented in Congress, the necessity of every State being fully c. s. c. Represented to add weight to the Council of America, as well as to keep up that Union and good Correspondence so essential to our Country, will naturally suggest the propriety of this Application, which I have no doubt you will immediately comply with, more especially as Business of the utmost moment is before Congress.

The Inclos'd Resolve recommending to you to prevent the sailing of all Provision vessells, I Beg leave to Refer to your immediate Attention, as it is of importance to prevent as much as possible supplies falling into the possession of the Enemy.

I have the Honour to be, with Esteem, Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t Serv^t

John Hancock, Presid^t

To the Hon. the Council of Safety of Maryland.

[Resolve of Congress.]

In Congress Feb^y 10, 1777

Resolved, That it is recommended to the Council of Safety of Maryland to prevent the sailing of all provision vessels while the Enemy's ships of war infest the Bay, as there is the greatest reason to fear they cannot avoid falling into the possession of the Enemy.

By order of Congress.

John Hancock, Pres^t

Wednesday 12 Feb^y 1777

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Fry, four Pounds for a Gun.

Commissions Issued to John Ashmead appointed Captain.

Edward Busy second Lieutenant

Nathaniel West Ensign of a Company of Militia in Col^o Halls Battalion of Harford County Also Matthew M^cClinton first Lieutenant & James Walker second Lieutenant of a Company in the same Battalion.

Copy of Letter N^o 155 was sent to Samuel Dorsey and Copy of N^o 156 was sent to Stephen Steward.

In Council of Safety Feb^y 12th 1777.

Ordered that, Captain Fulford be directed not to suffer any Vessels to depart from this Port, without a Permit from him and that no permit be given to any Vessel bound down this Bay below Poplar Island.

R. Ridgely Cl. Co. S.