

entertained by any Person we think we have the Power, and c. c.
on its being made known to us, shall most certainly order
such to be arrested and dispose of them in such Manner as we
may think, will render the Public safe, but this Power, to be
exercised on our Judgment, we cannot commit to any other,
We think it will be the best way to have the Arms taken from
the Insurgents, or surrendered up by them, fairly appraised
and, as soon as may be, put into Repair that they may be fit
for Use in Case of Necessity. There being no stated legisla-
tive Provision for Horse, we think it best that you have the
Accounts stated as you judge just and right, and, as the
General Assembly is properly the ultimate Judge of the
Account, pay off rather within your Estimate We approve
your Discharge of the Prisoners you mention, on the Terms
you let them at Large, they being as we suppose, People of
no great Influence. We shall soon send over a Commission
under a special Act of Assembly for the Trial of the chief
Offenders. The Ends of Justice, Policy and Example will be
best answered by the Punishment of a Few only.

Col^o Joseph Dashiell

We are &^{ca}

May 10th 1777.

C. B.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Chris-
topher Richmond Esq^r Paymaster of the first Regiment five
hundred pounds on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Captⁿ John Keltie nine
pounds, seventeen shillings and two Pence for Am^t of Acc^t

May 12th 1777.

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Frederick
Green one hundred & fifty pounds on Acc^t

[Council to J. Stull and others.]

C. C.

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In Council Annapolis 12th May 1777.

Sir.

We received a Letter yesterday from M^r Lewis a Member of
the Congress and of the Navy Board, advising us that the Frigate
built in Baltimore, is now waiting for some of her Guns that lie at
Hughes's Works, and inclosing us a Letter from Lieu^t Johns now
at the Works, to Cap^t Nicholson, informing him that his utmost
Industry cannot procure Waggon without impressing, which