

- C. B. forty six pounds nine shillings and six pence on Account for the recruiting Service.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Hust five pounds five shillings for 1 Rm paper bought of him for the Council.

Robert Eades of Montgomery County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificate given.

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[Council to D. Hughes.]

In Council 7th March 1778.

Sir.

By the inclosed Resolution of Congress, of the 18th of last Month, you'll see we are desired to embody a sufficient Number of Militia for guarding the Prisoners to be stationed at Fort Frederick and to appoint a Commiss^y to purchase and supply the Militia with Provisions, during their Time of Service at that Post. We received this Resolve but a few Days before the Assembly was to have met and much wished for their Advice and Assistance, but the Badness of the Weather has prevented their Meeting and the Time, in which the Business can be done, is spending very fast; we shall be glad to know the Effect of our former Proposal, that the Service of the Militia, as Guards, should discharge their Turn as Classes and whether the Fort is made fit to receive the Prisoners or when it probably will be ready for that Purpose. We beg you will also advise us who will be the most proper Person to Act as Commissary for the Militia employed as a Guard. Col^o Rawlings, in a Conversation with the Governor, expressed an Inclination to have the supplying Provisions for the Prisoners. If his Affairs will allow him to act as Commissary for the Militia, and he would be a good Deal on the Spot, we should incline, all Circumstances equal, to give him a Preference. If you have no immediate Opportunity to Col^o Rawlings, nor any Body within your View who you think would do the Business better, we wish you to send an Express to him, mentioning the Resolve and requesting him to come down to us, that we may settle Matters with him, if he will undertake it. M^r S. Hughes promised the Governor to consult who would make the best recruiting Officers in Washington, to set them to Work and advise him of their Names, but no Letter has been received on the Subject; two or three other Gent^l also promised to consult & recommend proper People for this Business but have not done it. Do mention who you think would best answer the Purpose.

We are &^{ca}

Dan^l Hughes Esq^r