

c. c. not carry the money, I have got from the Board of War, a Dragoon to goe with him to Baltimore and from thence he says he can contrive it. A Letter came to hand a day or two agoe from Gen^l Smallwood to Gen^l Washington informing of a large Fleet being gone down the Delaware of upwards of one hundred saile, many of which are small Vessells, said to have Troops on board by information from deserters from Phila^a they have only eighteen days provisions on board, therefore concluded only to be sent on a Forredging party to the State of Delaware, or perhaps to the Chesepeak Bay

M^r Chase is just arrived, but seems to be determined to make but short stay, on Account of the very bad accommodations this place affords.

Your Lett^r to Gen^l Gates on the Subject of an Embargoe & the Virg^a Frigate was committed and a report ready but it has not yet been taken up in Congress I apprehend an Embargoe on provisions will take place, but am affraid a general one will not be agreed to when any thing material occurs shall do my self the honour of writing you & am very respect^{ly}

Sir

Your most Obed^t Serv^t

James Forbes

NB. Virg^a & N. York only, have agreed on form to the ratification of the Confederation most of the other States have proposed amendments, but the Members say they are instructed to ratify, if the amendments cant be obtained. noe time fixt for taking up this matter in Congress. J. F.

c. B

Wednesday 25th March 1778.

Present as on yesterday

William Murdock of Prince Georges County, Henry Merick and Thomas Brown of Ann Arundel County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act and Certificates given.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Cap^t Eccleston seven hundred and twenty Dollars out of the money lately sent by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the second Maryland Regiment by G Smallwoods Order

That the said Treasurer pay to Abraham Faw two thousand five hundred and ninty six pounds ten Shillings and three pence per Account passed the Committee of Claims for Cloathing Purchased, Fourteen Pounds nine Shillings for the use of Henry Cook, Forty Pounds ninteen Shillings and six pence for the use of Lodowick Camp, Henry Foutz and Geo