

of N<sup>o</sup> 123 to the honble John Hancock Esquire, President of C. S. J. Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Hindman.]

C. S. C.  
No. 121.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1777

Sir. We yesterday inclosed Col Robert Harrison our draft on you for two hundred and fifty pounds for the purchase of Beef. Should he stand in need of more money, you'll be pleased to supply him with the further sum of two hundred and fifty pounds.

We are, &c.

W<sup>m</sup> Hindman Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Treasurer

[Council to Harrison.]

No. 122.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1777

Sir. The Bearer Capt. Patterson will deliver you fifty bushels of salt. You'll be pleased to have the tallow dried up and saved for the use of the State, the expense of which will be allowed

We are, &c.

Col. Robert Harrison.

[Council to Hancock.]

No. 123.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1777

Sir. Your favours by the post and by Express inclosing resolves of Congress, came safe to hand. We are buying up provisions with all diligence, the season however is so far advanced that we doubt no considerable quantity of pork can be procured. We should have acknowledged the receipt of yours of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, but our President intended at that time to do himself the honour of waiting on you, he has been indisposed this day or two past; will probably be at Baltimore some time next week.

As to the success the recruiting officers have met with, we cannot speak with absolute certainty. Captain Yates and Captain Deams are near ready to march as they inform us, and General Smallwood has given out a great many recruiting warrants, the business goes on but slowly we fear; the rank of the officers occasions, we believe, a good deal of uneasiness; the commissioners who were sent up with full powers by the late Convention, have returned their proceedings to this Board, by which it appears they have granted commissions to most of the Field officers, Captains, and first Lieutenants, and to some second Lieutenants of seven Bat-