

c. c. Enemy, but in the present uncertainty if we should do so and the Object & Operations of the Enemy should be confined to Virginia, weakning the Opposition against them by keeping back so considerable a Force would be highly censured and justly. The Offer of your Services at this Time, claims our Thanks and we have a strong Impression of their Value; we act in a limited Sphere nor is it the first Time where we have not been able to place Experience in the high Point of Authority where it might be most useful. From the Confidence we have in the Temper and disposition of those in whom the Laws have trusted the Militia, we are convinced that your Advice will be respected and in that the common Good & Safety attended to. We have no Intelligence to Day other than by Boats from a good Way below, by which we are informed, they saw nothing. Instant Notice shall be conveyed to Baltimore of any Thing interesting.

Col^o Sam^l Smith.

We are &^{ca}

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

In Council Annapolis 18th May 1779

Sir.

We sent Yesterday to Balt^o 101 Barr^{ls} of Pork in the General Smallwood which had just arrived from the Eastern Shore. We have Reason to suspect it is not in good Order and that, unless well attended to, it will spoil. You know every Body in Balt^o we shall be much obliged to you to hire proper People to overhaul & set it to rights. M^r Buchanan will, we expect, lend us Continental Salt for the Purpose, we will repay it as well as the Expence. Pray get some Body who is diligent, capable & trusty. The Pork was recommended to the Care of Cap^t Keeports

Jesse Hollingsworth.

We are &^{ca}

C. B.

Wednesday 19 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday. Thomas Sim Lee Esq^r Attended Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury Fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o Peter Waters Six Pounds for the use Isaac Handy & one Pound for the use of Jos^a Catlin per Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Alexander Contee Hanson Esquire Three hundred and twelve Pounds