

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as yesterday except M<sup>r</sup> Rumsey.

Resolved, That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lancelot Jacques, Charles Wallace, William Hyde, Allen Quynn, James Brice, William Whetcroft and Beriah Maybury, or any three of them, be requested to make a Chart of the Land and Water at the mouth of this River, specifying the Width and Depth of the Channel between Horn point and Greenbury's Point, and some Distance without and within the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock, and met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Cap<sup>t</sup> Patrick Sim One hundred and twenty Pounds for subsist and advance money for his Recruits.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Resolves of the late Convention relating to the Emission of Bills of Credit be inclosed in a Letter (No. 2) to the Deputies [of this Province] in Congress.

Council adjourns till tomorrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

C. S. C.  
No. 2.

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress

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Jan. 20

By a Resolution of the Convention the City of Annapolis and the Town of Baltimore are to be fortified if it be practicable; as we are much at a Loss for Cannon and as we hear they have more at New York and Philadelphia than they have Occasion for, we imagine they may be willing to spare some of them. We must therefore request you will be pleased to enquire of the Gentlemen of those Provinces in Congress, or of the Committee of Philadelphia, whether it will be agreeable to them to lend us any of them and acquaint us with their Answer. We shall want about thirty or forty eighteen Ponders. If we are favoured with the Loan of them they shall be returned, or paid for, if lost or damaged, as there will be great danger in attempting to get them round by water if we borrow them from the Province of New York we judge it may be best to get them down by Land to Delaware Bay from thence over short carrying Places, they may be got into our Bay.

Any Money that may be necessary to defray the expense of getting them down shall be sent you or lodged where you think proper.

We inclose you a copy of the Resolutions of the Convention for emitting Bills of Credit, as several clauses require particular duties to be performed by yourselves.

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