

Monday 22^d January 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. present the same Members as yesterday.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Nathaniel Smith two hundred pounds common money for subsist and Advance money for his Recruits.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M^r Bennett Bracco two hundred pounds common money for subsist and advance money for Captain Rezin Beall's Company.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Samuel Smith One hundred and twenty pounds for subsist and Advance money for his Recruits.

Commissions issued to Thomas Tillard Esq^r first Major, and to Joseph Galloway Esq^r second Major of the South River Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County; and to M^r Pollard Edmondson jun^r appointed third Lieutenant of the fourth independent Company of regular Forces, in the Room of M^r William Goldsborough who resigned.

The following Agreement was made with Captain John Pitt.

Whereas the Honorable the late Convention of the Province of Maryland Resolved, that two pilot Boats be immediately employed and stationed to gain and [communicate notice] of any Attempt that might be made by the men of war to come into this Province, I do hereby agree with the Honorable Daniel of S^t Thomas Jenifer Charles Carroll (Barrister) John Hall & James Tilghman Esq^{rs} (of the Council of Safety for this Province) to furnish one Pilot Boat for the above purpose at the Rate of twenty five Shillings per Day, and immediately to sail with my said Boat for the purpose of gaining Intelligence agreeable to said Resolution; and that I will from Time to Time use my best Endeavours to gain such Intelligence and as Occasion may require, communicate the same to the Council of Safety.

Jn^o Pitt.

Instructions were given accordingly to Captain Pitt.

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

The following Advertisement was ordered to be published in the Maryland Gazette.

All Merchants and other Persons who are desirous of undertaking to import and furnish this Province with a Quantity of Salt sufficient for the use of the Inhabitants thereof may be acquainted with the Terms offered by the Continental Congress under which they may do the same, by attending the Council of Safety on the fifth Day of February next at the City of Annapolis.