

c. s. j. The within contains all the Record Books of the Commissary's Offices.

The Original Papers belonging to the Office consist of Wills, Inventories and Accounts; from the year 1635 to the present Time.

All which is certified, agreeable to an Order from the Honourable the Council of Safety for the Province of Maryland.

By Elie Vallette Reg Cur Pre.

The Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention was read.

The Council requested of M^r Samuel Purviance Chairman of the Committee of Observation in Baltimore Town that said Committee would furnish them with a Chart of the North East Branch of Patapsco River from Whetstone Point; also the Soundings a Depth of the Water between that Point and Gorsuch's Point also a plan of Fortification and Cheveaux de Frise or other Obstructions to be placed in the River together with an Estimate of the Expence.

The Council adjourns till 10 o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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[T. Johnson Jr. to Council.]

Fred. Town Jan^y 22^d 1776.

Gen^r Stricker has accepted his commission & has had and I expect will have good success in inlisting he proposes to be very particular in the men he takes & much wishes his, the Light Infantry Company to be armed with Rifles both M^r Price & he think Rifles for a company may be soon got considering the difficulty of speedily arming our troops I think with them it will advisable to lodge a sum of money in the hands of some body here, no body will do more justice to the public than C. Beatty, to purchase up what Rifles can be got. My Brother this morning let Stricker have 100 of the 200 which he brought up for building the town Jail, to assist him in recruiting. M^r Ford will be a very proper hand to bring up what money you may think proper to send Stricker I imagine the 250^l he applies for is not too much as well as what you may think proper for Cap^t Barrett many of whose Company I expect will be very good Riflemen, if collected in his neighbourhood from where I think they may be best spared. Major Price tells me a good many public arms some of which have been repaired at the expence of those who have them may be collected with industry I should be glad you^d send up an order for the committee to collect all they can and if you think as I do to allow the people the reasonable expence of necessary repairs where the musquets came to their hands out of order. I understand about 100 gunlocks fit for Rifles and that would do well