

C. S. J. M^r Purviance attended the Council and reported that according to the Requisition of yesterday the Committee had appointed Persons for the purposes therein mentioned.

Instructions and sailing Orders were given to Cap^t John Martin of the Brig Friendship.

M^r William Lux was requested to purchase up for the use of the Troops in this Province, all the coarse Clothes in Baltimore Town; also Blankets, and plush for Breeches and make Report of the Quantity and price to the Council of Safety, with all convenient speed.

M^r Lux delivers to the Council the following Proposition.

The pilot Boat Chatham is bound for Statia with Money to purchase Goods to the Amount of £3000 more to the Consignment of M^r Thomas Russell who goes out in her. The Boat is valued at £300 and each Shipper is to pay in proportion to the Amount of his Property, in Case she is lost. M^r Russell will take One hundred Barrels light Flour on Account of the Province at 6/ per Barrel, and they to pay their proportion of the Value of the Vessel in Case of Loss.

Lux & Bowley.

Which was read & agreed to.

Instructions were accordingly given to Captain Thomas Russell.

M^r George Matthews, Cannon Founder in the Neighbourhood of Baltimore Town, being requested to attend the Council of Safety, and give what Information he could with Regard to casting of Cannon, and the Cannon now in that place, informed that there were two 12 pounders, six 9 pounders, six 6 pounders, eight 3 pounders and two Field pieces, 3 pounders, which in his Judgment and Opinion might be of some service, but not to be depended on till they were bored again. That they had been a long Time unused and were scaly within side of the Guns. That there were 7 or 8 of the Annapolis Guns left by Cap^t Stone, 4 pounders, all good except one which had lost a Trunnion, might be made serviceable by having Trunnions fixed on the Outside with an Iron Hoop.

M^r Matthews was also asked on what Terms he would contract for founding Cannon, thereupon expressed his Opinion that in his situation as a Factor, he could not incur the Expence necessary to be laid out in founding Cannon and boring the same, unless he had a moral Certainty that his Owners should be no Losers by undertaking the Business. That the Wheel for boring Cannon and other Apparatus was expensive and a work that would require some Time before it could be brought to perfection and that he did not think he could furnish 40