

friends, or to reject the acceptance of my commission. To do either is highly distressing ; but as one must be done, and it is too probable I may be much wanting in our own part of the County upon a similar occasion, I must beg you will appoint some gentlemen to command in my stead. my resignation I hope will by no one be imputed to a thirst after a more Honorable appointment than my present. I am ready and willing whenever my Countrys cause demands it, to march with my Rifle in the ranks whenever I am commanded. I am actuated solely by the reasons above assigned, nor could any thing but a breach of confidence with my friends prevent my acceptance of the appointment with which I have been Honoured.

I am Gentlemen
Your obed^t Serv^t Samuel Barrett

Monday 12 February 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Commissions issued to Moses Lecompte Jun^r appointed first Lieutenant of Capt. Joseph Robson's Minute Company in Dorchester County in the Room of Henry Keene who resigned; and to Matthias Traverse 2^d Lieut of same Company.

A Letter was received [from Capt.] Joseph Robson concerning said Commissions and answered.

Ordered That a commissioned Officer & two privates of Cap^t William Hyde's Company guard the Records from the City of Annapolis to M^r William Brown's in London Town until they are relieved by a commissioned Officer and two Privates of the other independent Company of the City of Annapolis; and further Ordered That a commissioned Officer and two Privates

M^r Richard Ridgely was appointed assistant Clerk to the Council of Safety and qualified before M^r Jenifer by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[West to Du Vall.]

Original.

Woodyard Monday 12th Feb^y 1776

M^r Gabriel Duvall Sir.

I received your letter of the 6th by order of the Council of Safety respecting my powder and gun locks. As to the first a certificate & receipt with the other Papers were lodged some days past by my son with the Treasurer, who, as I wanted the money, was so civil as to pay it to my son, if any formality