

c. s. J. A Letter was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County about Sulphur and Sail duck.

Adjourned till 3 o'Clock & met according to Adjournment.

Ordered That M^r Charles Wallace Paymaster of the Forces of this Province enter into Bond with sufficient security in [the sum] of four thousand pounds Currency for the faithful Discharge of his Trust.

Commissions issued to Thomas Watkins appointed Capt. Thomas Noble Stockett 1 Lieut. Sam^l Watkins 2^d Lieut & William Harwood Ensign of a Company of Militia belonging to the South River Battalion of Ann Arundel County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

Original.

[W. Lux to Council.]

Baltimore 13 Feb^y 1776.

Gentlemen. Cap^t Charles Wells of the Pilot Boat Chatham has applied to me to be excused from taking on board the Flour which he has engaged to take in on acco^t of the Province, as the Gentlemen who are concerned in the adventure, are afraid it might subject the vessel to a seizure, in case a Tender should happen to meet her, either here, or going into Statia. The Flour is purchased by us & has been ever since you were here and we have been waiting every day for his order to send it down. We cannot undertake to grant the Indulgence without your directions, and he now waits on you for that purpose. If you can allow us to load the Sloop I mentioned, this Flour may be a part of her cargo, in case you permit Cap^t Wells to leave it out, And I shall be glad to have your answer by him.

I am most respectfully Gentⁿ Your most obed^t Serv^t

Will^m Lux.

c. s. J.

Wednesday 14 Feb. 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Capt. John Watkins two hundred Pounds for Subsist & Advance money for his Recruits.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Cap^t James Hindman three hundred Pounds to subsist & provide necessaries for his Company.

Copy of Letter N^o 15 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Talbot County. Also a Copy of Letter N^o 16 to Captains James Kent and William Henry in Virginia. And a Copy of Letter N^o 17 to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore.