

c. s. c. in a Body 'till they return to and reach their respective Counties, to which Time they are to continue in Pay. As it may be convenient and necessary for you after your Men have been one Month in Service to draw for their Pay we hereby authorize you to do it, on the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore to whom we shall send Directions to pay your Orders. We are persuaded you will think with us that as you go as Auxiliaries it will be proper and necessary that you act under the Directions and Orders of the Officer of the Colony of Virginia having the Command in the Places where you shall be stationed; but in case there should not be an Officer appointed for that Purpose and there should be a Necessity for the two Companies acting together, it is then our Opinion that Captain Kent should take the command of both Companies and also of that of Dorchester County if that Company should, as we are not without Hopes it will, march down as directed. Should any thing occur to you that may be further necessary for your Companies or the Service in which they are engaged, you will be pleased to acquaint us with it as soon as you can and all proper attention shall be given to what you may desire.

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No. 17.

[Council to Hindman.]

To William Hindman Esq. Treasurer of the  
Eastern Shore

Sir.

We have given a Power to the Captains Kent and Henry now in Virginia, as soon as the Companies under their Command have been one Month in the service to draw for their Pay. We desire you will on their Orders being delivered to you, immediately comply with them. As it may be necessary for the Public Service to have the inclosed Letter to them delivered with all possible Dispatch, we request you will send off some trusty Person with it as soon as you can and charge the Public with the Expence of the Messenger.

Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 1776

No. 18.

[Council to Veazey.]

To Col<sup>o</sup> John Veazey.

Sir.

In Consequence of a Letter received this Day from M<sup>r</sup> John Thompson dated 1<sup>st</sup> Feby, the Council of Safety have determined to purchase the whole of the Gun Powder imported by M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Ramsey in Partnership with a Gentleman of