

procured in the Cot<sup>y</sup> On consideration find it impracticable to be done unless we had money in hand to exchange as it must be collected in small quantities, and even in that case its probable no great sum can be obtained, however my endeavours shall not be wanting to procure it.

I remain Gent<sup>n</sup> your most ob<sup>t</sup> Servt<sup>s</sup>  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Barnes.

Wednesday 21 Feb. 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer be directed to exchange the Bills of Credit of this Province for any Sum in Gold or Silver Coin that may be lodged with them by the several Persons appointed to collect the same to comply with the Resolve of Congress.

Copies of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 23 was sent to the Committees of Observation for Worcester, Dorchester, Talbot and Calvert Counties respectively.

M<sup>r</sup> Tilghman has Leave of Absence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Committees.]

C. S. C.  
No. 23.

To the Committees of Observation (where only fifty men are stationed).

Gent<sup>n</sup>:

We perceive by the Proceedings of the Convention that one half of Cap<sup>t</sup> Rezin Beall's Company are to be stationed in your County, we understand the Officers of that Company are drawing their men together, and are desirous of knowing where they are to be stationed so as to answer the Purpose intended. We know not where proper Houses can be got in your County and therefore request you would make Enquiry and let us know your Sentiments, where the Men ought to be stationed, and whether convenient Houses can be got for them.

(And the follg. Letter was sent to the several Committees of Observation for those Counties where whole Independent Companies were stationed.)

Gent<sup>n</sup> Agreeable to the Resolves of the last Convention an Independent Company is to be stationed at such Place in your County as the Council of Safety may think proper, but as we are not so well acquainted with your County as to deter-