

but could wish the Convention had recommended our staying the time mentioned rather than ordered, the first of March is very near when we expect a few must return home from necessity. As each Company have bro't a physician with them from home which we every day find useful and necessary, hope some provision may be made for them, otherwise they must be considerably out of pocket, as they have been and must be untill their return home at their own expence, besides finding every medicines and instruments necessary. And as you request the Companies to return in a Body to their respective Counties, hope some money will be paid us to defray the expence of our march back, tho our Companies was one only 15 and the other 12 days on their march to this place yet the £100.0.0 rec^d of the Treasurer was expended and our Commissary not prepared to receive us, which much distressed us for a few days. If an opportunity offers to this place should be glad to be furnished with the continental regulations relative to wages and victualing, the latter of which our Commissary either does not or pretends not to know any thing about. We shall endeavour whilst here to give all the satisfaction we can to the Inhabitants of this place as far as is consistent with our Duty. But more particularly the province to which we belong and shall cheerfully obey every command of our representatives as far as can be done by a people who are determined to preserve their Liberties. And hope the conduct of our Companies this Campaign will not reflect dishonour either on the province to which they belong, or themselves, We are with every mark of esteem and respect.

Gentⁿ y^r obd^t hble Servt^s
 James Kent
 William Henry.

C. S. J.

Thursday 29 February 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Mr James Hutchings agreed with the Council to load the Schooner Fanny, James Carmichael Master with Country Produce for the Importation of Salt agreeable to a Resolution of Congress.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Doct^r Alexander Stenhouse four hundred and thirty eight Pounds three Shillings and two pence for Medicines purchased of him by the Council of Safety for the use of the Forces of this Province.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mess^{rs} Daniel and John M^cHenry four hundred and twenty three pounds three