

Saturday 2^d March 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Commission issued to [Lilburn] Williams appointed third Lieutenant of Cap^t Thomas Woolford's independent Company

Resolved That Major Gist be empowered to contract for fifty Camp Kettles and as many Hats as may be necessary for the Battalion not exceeding 7½ each.

M^r Hugh Young agreed with the Council to load the Schooner Peggy, with Country Produce, and in Return to import Salt agreeable to a Resolution of Congress.

Doctor Charles Frederick Wiesenthal was appointed Surgeon to the Battalion.

Commission issued to George Walsh appointed Ensign of Captain James Cox's Company of Militia in Baltimore County in the Room of David McClellan who removed out of the Province.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M^r Daniel Grant six Pounds fifteen Shillings for the use of his Room and Doorkeeper.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to M^r William Lux One thousand Pounds Currency on Account of the Ship Defence.

Adjourned to the City of Annapolis till Monday next.

[Garrett to Jenifer.]

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Sir. Yours of 19 Ult. came to my hands, and in answer, can advise that I have been sometime at work about the salt petre. I got a parcel of earths thrown up and the boards for erecting the sheds are cutting, and having a convenient copper in my own house I have been above two weeks at work tho with very little success having made but very little crude nitre, the reason I attribute to want of Judgment in the process, as I think from a view of the earths, used in York Town, which I went on purpose to see, that what I have is equal. the Persons in this county has greatly left of making tobacco but the houses they used are mostly standing and from such in my neighbourhood a large quantity of Materials can be procured. the man I have engaged is an industrious person and a little speculative tho very poor that dont despair overcoming the difficulty. before I got your letter, on our Muarying I wrote to Do^r Weisenthal by him, & sent him there for three or four days, he is not yet returned, what he can gather then I dont