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[Brice to Council.]

Honored Sirs. Having it not in my Power to procure Salt being in the service at the time, it was to be disposed of in the province also being still engaged it will not be in my power to get any. I will take it as a particular fav^r if you'l oblige me with a bushel as my family will be very much distressed for the want of it. Your compliance will infinitely oblige H^d Sirs,
 Your most obed^t most Hble Serv^t Jacob Brice
 Tuesday morning

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Monday 11th March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Orders were sent to Brigadier General Chamberlaine and Colonel Joshua Beall respectively to discharge their Militia

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Clerk twenty Pounds Currency for Expresses and other Purposes.

Ordered, That Colonel John Weems be directed to march his Militia, or such of them, as may be necessary to repel any Attempt that now is, or may be made by the Otter Sloop or her Tenders at the Mouth of Fishing Creek, as also to be ready to assist the Calvert Militia. Colonel Ware was ordered down to take the Command of the Militia.

Copy of Letter N^o 53 was sent to Deputies in Congress.
 Adjourned 'till next Day 9 °Clock.

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No. 53.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

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We received Intelligence by our Pilot Boats on Tuesday Evening that a Ship of War and two Tenders were under Sail on their Way up the Bay, and immediately issued our Orders for their Reception which was observed with amazing Expedition and Punctuality. We were much indebted to the spirited, active and good Conduct of the regular Officers and Troops. The Militia moved with astonishing dispatch, and as soon as the Vessels hove in Sight our Coast was lined with Men. At Baltimore the Celerity of their Movements exceeded Description and had very near proved more advantageous than they really have, for it was expected by the Vessels (the Otter of 16 guns, a Tender of 6 and the other armed with Swivels only) that the Ship Defence was altogether unprepared, which led them to conceive themselves in a State of Security which had