

c. s. j. Commissions issued to James Bordley appointed Cap^t John Kent 1 Lieut. James Earle 2^d L^t and Nathan Browne Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Also to Nathaniel Wright appointed Cap^t George Hanson 1 L^t Thomas Emory 2^d L^t and Peter Ritch Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Nichols five Pounds Currency for 2½ Days Waggon Hire.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Lieutenant John Steward two hundred Pounds Currency on Account of Capt. Thorne Company.

The Thanks of the Council were sent to the several Brigadiers General respectively (Vid: N^o 61)

Resolved, That

As Exigencies may some time require that the Militia should be called into service before it can be convenient for the Brigadier General of the Upper District of the Eastern Shore to receive particular Orders from the Council of Safety, and as no Field-Officers have been appointed to the Command of the several Battalions of Militia in Kent County it is recommended that the Committee of Observation for said County until Field-Officers be appointed for the same, direct and regulate the Operations of the Militia of the said County in repelling any sudden Attack or Invasion, where Circumstances will not admit of their applying to the Council of Safety, or Brigadier General of the Upper District of the Eastern-shore, as they shall think most proper for the Defence of the said County. But it is required that neither the said Brigadier General, or the said Committee proceed to act without receiving their Orders from the Council of Safety, or the said Committee without having their Instructions from the Council or the said Brigadier, where the Circumstances of the Case will admit an Application for such Orders or Instructions without hazarding the public Safety; and that in all Instances, where the said Brigadier shall act without particular [Instructions, that he immediately convey] Intelligence of the Cause and Manner of their Proceedings to the Council and where the said Committee act without applying to the Council or the said Brigadier, that they also communicate with the utmost Dispatch, the Cause and Manner of their Proceedings to the Council as well as to the said Brigadier, where it may be conveniently done And the Militia of the said County are required to obey all such Orders as shall be made by the said Brigadier or the said Committee in Pursuance of this Resolve.

Copy of Letter N^o 62 was sent to the Deputies in Congress. The Gentlemen appointed the 21st of January last to make a Chart of the Land, and Water at the Mouth of this River