

That the said Company are called Friends to America, and C. S. C. that there are to the same four Serjts four corporals, one drummer & sixty eight privates. We therefore pray with the approbation of your board that commissions may issue thereon:

Signed p<sup>r</sup> order Committee observation.

March 16<sup>th</sup> 1776.

James Murray (C)

Cambridge Dorchester County:

Sunday 17. March 1776

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

A Letter received from M<sup>r</sup> Chamberlaine, Chairman of the Committee of Observation for Talbot County and answered (Vid N<sup>o</sup> 63.)

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 64 was sent to Colonel Thomas Wright Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Major Price five hundred Pounds Currency for Rifles.

Ordered, That the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County deliver to Major Price 1500 Flints, 5000 w<sup>t</sup> Lead in Bullets, all the Hangers, Broad-Swords and Cutlasses, and also all the Arms belonging to the Province, that are fit for Service.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Major Gist one hundred and fifty Pounds Currency, to be accounted for.

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

Adjourned 'till next Day 9<sup>o</sup> Clock

[Council to Talbot Committee.]

C. S. C.  
No. 63.

To the Committee of Observation for Talbot County.

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We are sorry the Proceedings of the Convention thro' the Negligence of our Press should not have reached you before the Day you mention; and think with you that the not allowing those in your County that may hesitate to enroll, some Time to consider the Alternative given them, would be treating them with too great Rigour, and are of Opinion that the indulging them till the fifth of April, will be giving them time sufficient and be an Instance of Lenity towards them that we are persuaded will meet with the Approbation of the convention.

17<sup>th</sup> March 1776