

- c. s. c. Honorable the Council of Safety for two barrels of gunpowder and fifty stand of arms compleat for the use of this County as we have not received the powder ordered from Charles County. p^r order. Joseph Wilkinson clk Committee.

[Tillard to Council.]

Pigg Point 18. March 1776.

Gentlemen. I this day received a line from M^r Duvall of the 13th February requesting I would inform you what quantity of public gun powder is in my hands, and where stored; 201^{lb} is what I was paid for, at 2/6 p^r 200^{lb} of M^r Brogden was also lodged with mine, being in the whole 401^{lb} stored in our store at this place, 305^{lb} of which by your order was delivered to M^r Isaac Harris, the remainder by order of the Committee, into the hands of the Militia

I am Gentlemen, Your mo obed^t Serv^t
Thomas Tillard:

c. s. J.

Tuesday 19th March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday. M^r Jenifer attended.

Ordered That Col. Joshua Beall of Prince Georges County deliver unto George Mason and John Dalton Esqrs. of Fairfax County, Virginia, or their Order 10 Barrels of the Gunpowder imported in the Sloop Molly, Thomas Conway Master.

Copy of Letter N^o 66 was sent to George Mason and John Dalton Esq^{rs} Copy of N^o 67 to The Committee of Safety of Virginia, and Copies of N^o 68 to The Honble George Plater Esquire, and Brigadier General Dent respectively.

Ordered That a Magazine be built at the public Expen^ce in the neighbourhood of Captain James Tootell's under the Inspection of John Hall Esq. upon the following plan viz. A Brick House 16 Feet square with a pignon house Roof. The Walls to be two Bricks to the first Flour, and a Brick and a half afterwards: about 9 Feet Pitch: Walls to be battened with wooden Blocks and lathed and plaistered. Two small Windows with Iron Bars; one Door: Two small Centry Boxes made with Plank on End: An Iron Rod to prevent Lightning falling [on the Magazine].

As it may sometimes be necessary for the Defence of this Province that the Militia should be called into Service to repel sudden Attacks and Invasions before it can be convenient for the Brigadiers General and other Field Officers to receive particular Orders from the Council of Safety, It is therefore