

Resolved, that upon such Exigencies the several Brigadiers C. S. J.  
General may call out and direct and regulate the Operations  
of the Militia, in their respective Districts according to the best  
of their Skill and Judgment; and that the other Field Officers  
where Circumstances will not admit of their applying either to  
the Council of Safety, or their Brigadier for Orders, have the  
like Powers with Respect to their several Battalions. But it  
is required that in all Instances where the Brigadiers shall pro-  
ceed without particular Orders, that they immediately convey  
Intelligence of the Cause and Manner of their Proceedings to  
the Council of Safety, and where the other Field Officers act  
without applying to the Council of Safety or their Brigadier  
that they also communicate with the utmost Dispatch the Cause  
and Manner of their Proceedings to the Council of Safety as  
well as to their Brigadier, where from his Situation it may be  
conveniently done. And the Militia are required to obey all  
such Orders as shall be made by the Brigadiers or other Field  
Officers in Pursuance of this Resolve.

Ordered that Copies of the above Resolve be sent to the  
several Brigadiers General respectively, requesting them to  
furnish the Colonel of each Battalion in their respective Dis-  
tricts with a Copy thereof.

The End of the first Book.

[Council to Mason and Dalton.]

C. S. C.  
No. 66.

To George Mason and John Dalton Esq<sup>rs</sup>

Gent.

In Answer to your Favor of the 15<sup>th</sup> we have directed  
Colo Beall to deliver to your order ten Barrels of Gun Powder.  
We shall do every thing in our Power to promote the general  
Welfare, and for that Purpose are now encreasing our Marine.

19<sup>th</sup> March 1776

[Council to Virginia Committee.]

To the Committee of Safety of Virginia.

No. 67.

Gent<sup>rs</sup>

We have your Favor of the 9<sup>th</sup> of this Month and as we  
are convinced of the Expediency of constructing the Beacons  
in the Manner you propose on the Points of the River Potow-  
mack, we shall readily join you in any Expence that may  
attend the Erection of them and have appointed the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> and Brigadier John Dent to act with the  
Gentlemen nominated by you for the carrying that Measure  
into Execution. We shall acquaint them of their Appointment