

acquainted him with the state of Affairs & the Designs of Administration. We have never seen Temple, it is said, he is sick, some say he is mad, from his conduct in taking this Journey to deliver such a trifling Letter, if this is his sole Business, the latter Opinion seems well founded. The Packet Letters are put on board the Asia Man of War, the Postmaster it is reported has refused to deliver any Letters unless the Postage of the whole is paid. We are in Expectation of an Express from Boston; Gen^l Washington took possession of Dorchester Parish which commands South Boston it is said by letter to Congress that Howe was embarquing his Artillery Stores &c in the greatest confusion.

Phila^{da} 19th March 1776.

We are with respect
Gen^t Your Hb^{le} Servants,
The Delegates of Maryland.

Wednesday 20th March 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

C. S. J.

Copy of Letter N^o 71 was sent to M^r William Ennalls of Dorchester County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mess^{rs} William Lux and Daniel Bowly One hundred and ninety one pounds six Shillings and six Pence for Cloathing for the Troops.

Copy of Letter N^o 72 was sent to Col. John Veazey of Cecil County.

Ordered That all Vessels loaded with Country Produce on account and Risque of this Province proceed as soon as may be on their Voyage agreeable to Contract.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County be requested to furnish the Council of Safety with an Account of the Gunpowder and Chests of Arms received by them from the Northward, and also of the Cartouch Boxes delivered the Militia upon the late Alarm and to collect and lodge them in the Magazine at Baltimore Town; Also to prove the Cannon offered the Committee by M^r Hercules Courtenay at his Expence, and report the Value and Condition thereof to the Council.

Ordered That Col. Smallwood [be requested to send] Stephen Gartrill and James Morris under a Guard immediately to the Council of Safety.

Commissions issued to Timothy M^cNemara appointed Captain, John Stewart M^cNemara 1st L^t Charles Johnson 2^d L^t and John Carwan Ensign of a Company of Militia in Dorchester County.