

P. S. If the paper Curr<sup>cy</sup> is not soon sent I shall be obliged  
to return the hard money. c. s. c.  
A. S.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Original.

Gentlemen. On the arrival of Cap<sup>t</sup> Tibbet we engaged a Boat, on Board of which shipped the Powder and arms, together with one Ton of Powder advanced by Congress & 1875 lbs. returned by Congress for the Quantity borrowed by Col. Harrison, this Boat went to Christiana Bridge, from whence the powder was sent to Bal<sup>t</sup> in waggons, of this transaction, we advised you by the Return of the Express, that brought the Intelligence of the Otter & her Tenders arrival in Patapsco. The q<sup>ty</sup> of Powder that was private Property in Tibbet, was very small, part of it was owned by a Gent. in Accomack County in Virginia, the Residue about 6 or 8 q<sup>r</sup> Casks, M<sup>r</sup> Bowley informs us, is the property of a Gent<sup>n</sup> in Balt. to whom it was sent. Powder is an article that cannot be purchased in this City. M<sup>r</sup> Johnson had a Sum of Money lodged in his Hands by Co<sup>l</sup> Hollingsworth of Cecil County to purchase a small q<sup>ty</sup> of powder for that County, the Money being raised by Subscription for that Purpose: this he could not accomplish and at the pressing Instance of that City, we procured from Congress 5 Barrels which is sent down.—the Demand from the Eastward being very great, and our Magazine almost empty, prevents our making any further Application.

Phil<sup>a</sup> We are with respect Gen<sup>t</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Hble Servt<sup>s</sup>  
20 March 1776 R. Alexander for self & Colleagues.

Tuesday 21 March 1776.

c. s. j.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 73 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County.

A Letter was received from the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County and answered (Vid N<sup>o</sup> 74.)

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Caroline County be requested to send to the Committee of Talbot County for a Barrel of Gunpowder lodged with them for the use of Caroline County, and that a commissioned Officer of the Militia guard the same, and the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay the Expence thereof.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Lieut. William Harrison five hundred Pounds Currency on Account of Captain Veazey's Company.