

tributions of the remainder, the Militia in this neighbourhood C. S. C.
has attended on guard pretty well as yet, but I find they begin
to grumble much since, the delivery of the 22 barrels to the
wagons for Annapolis, I have got it all in one house, and keep
only a serjeant & 12 men as a guard over it, in order to make
the duty easier to the people and cheaper to the province.
At the time of calling my Battalion together by your order ;
I furnished one company, with powder lead & flints in propor-
tion to the armes they had fit for service out of the ammunition
purchased in Bladensburgh and have given orders to the Cap^{ns}
of the distant companys to receive thirty pounds of powder
lead & flints in proportion, that may have it ready on any
sudden alarm to furnish such of their men as have arms fit for
use, and as no one but those who have expearanced it can tell
the time it takes to furnish a company on any sudden immer-
gency I think if we have a sufficient stock of ammunition, it
would be highly necessary in our present situation to furnish
every Capⁿ of a malitia in the province in the same manner,
however I shall submit this to your determination, and give no
further orders without your approbation therein : pray send
me the money for the inclosed acct^s and likewise some money
for the further support of the guard, or, let me know in what
manner those expenses are to be paid, otherwise I am afraid I
shall not be able to keep up a guard much longer.

I am Gentⁿ y^r most obed^t hum^l Serv^t

Joseph Beall

Monday 25th March 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Commissions issued to Baruch Duckett appointed 2^d L^t and
Joseph Carleton Ensign of Capt. Basil Waring's Company of
Militia in Prince George's County.

Copies of Letter N^o 85 were sent to The Honble George
Plater Esq^r and Brigadier General Dent respectively.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to
Mess^{rs} Nicholas Maccubbin & Son thirty three Pounds seven
Shillings Currency for Shoes for the Troops.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac Harris twelve
pounds ten Shillings as p^r Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to M^r Hugh Young
Eighty five Pounds thirteen Shillings and seven Pence, being
the Ballance of his Account in Consequence of [the] Advent-
ure p^r the Brig Nancy.

Adjourned till next Day 9 O'Clock.