

be necessary to have done about the fort (that the Committee c. s. c. refused to do) a Magazine Hospital and Laboratory, which in my opinion no fort or garrison ought to be without, those would not cost more than £300. The hospital sufficient to hold 50 sick or wounded men the magazine to hold ammunition for a months siege the Laboratory sufficient for 10 or 12 men to work in making cartridges &c I was mentioning a saine for catching fish but if it cant be allowed, without deducting any part of the soldiers rations would not desire it, as their allowance is full small for a hearty man to subsist on. I understand there has been application to you for Cap' of the fort or fort Majors. I dont know there would be any necessity for such an officer, at this time, but hope gentlemen you will not put another over me, unless you think him more fit to fill the station, & in that case shall submit with pleasure.

I am gentlemen your mo oblidge Hble Serv^t
Nath^l Smith.

Balt^o 30th March 1776.

[R. Beall to Council.]

Portobacco 30th March 1776.

Gentlemen. The bearer James Warren is a soldier in my company who has lately lost his father and wants to be dismissed from the service as his mother has nobody to take care of the family, as I would not act without your consent, shall be glad if you will let me know as I can get a good man in his stead.

I am Gentlemen Your mo. ob^t Serv^t
Rezin Beall.

Monday 1st April 1776.

c. s. j.

Council met. Present as on Saturday except M^r Smyth.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Michael Gratz Eighty nine Pounds fourteen Shillings for Blankets.

Ordered, That the said Treasurer pay to John King four pounds ten Shillings for going Express to Antietam Forge.

Copy of Letter N^o 99 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, Copy of N^o 100 to Mess^{rs} Baker Johnson & Charles Beatty, and Copy of N^o 101 to the Committee of Talbot County.

Adjourned till next Day 10, O'Clock.