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[Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Gen^t We this morning sent off in a Waggon one Ton of Powder for Chester Town, which is directed to the care of Mess^{rs} Smyth & Hands if absent to be delivered to the Committee of observation, We have wrote these Gen^t to receive the powder to await y^r orders for the Distribution, this powder We obtained on application from Congress, who grant Supplies to the diff^t provinces, as the Circumstances & situation of them make it necessary, knowing the exposed & defenceless state of the Eastern Shore, We have sent off this supply which we expect, will meet your Approbation, you will observe Cecil County has been supplied by us from hence with 500 lbs. We mention this, to prevent any part of the Ton being sent that County. We send you by the post 8 of the Plates with the Devices for the Money. Rittenhouse says the rem^s 4 will be finished in 10 or 12 Days. We are with respect Gen^t

Y^r Hble Serv^{ts}

R. Alexander. T. Stone.

Phil^a 16 Ap^l 1776.

C. S. J.

Wednesday 17 April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday. Copy of Letter N^o 119 was sent to Th^o Smyth & T. B. Hands Esq^{ts}

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Robert Reynolds thirty two Shillings for two Cords of Wood for the use of the Council of Safety.

An Answer was received from the Governor by Letter addressed to the Gentlemen who waited on him, (Vid. Letter Book, next before N^o 120.)

In answer to which, Copy of Letter N^o 120 was sent to his Excellency.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore deliver to M^r Benjamin Harwood unsigned Bills of Credit of this Province to the Amount of £5000.

Permit was granted to William Jones, of the Sloop Sally, belonging to M^r Robert Cummins Victualler to the Troops, to pass and repass with Provisions to any Part of this Province.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mess^{rs} Black and M^cConnell fifty seven Pounds five Shillings and a penny for Cloathing for the Troops.

Commissions issued to Richard Weems appointed Captain Gideon Dare 1st Lieutenant, Joseph Allengham 2^d Lieutenant, and Benjamin Harrison Ensign of a Company of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to