

Monday 22^d April 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday. M^r Smyth attended.

Captain Kell having resigned the Command of the Schooner Dolphin, Duncan Hill was admitted and sworn Captain and desired to advert to the Instructions heretofore given Cap^t Kell and to govern himself by them.

The following Lines were addressed to the Committee of Northampton County in Virginia, at the Foot of the Instructions (viz^t)

“The Council of Safety return many Thanks to the Committee of Northampton County in Virginia for their friendly Assistance heretofore to Cap^t Kell, and as he has resigned the Command, request the Continuance of their Favour and Advice to Captain Duncan Hill.”

Captain John Allen Thomas has Leave to procure leathern Caps for his independent Company instead of Hats.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Cap^t George Stricker fifty one pounds Eighteen Shillings for 102 Pair of Shoes and the Waggonage of them to Annapolis.

Resolved That there be a Convention of the Delegates of this Province held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the 7th of May next.

Copies of Letter N^o 127 were sent to the Delegates in Convention for each County and District within the Province respectively, and Copy of N^o 128 to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain John Allen Thomas 13 Musquets, 4 Rifles 6 Musquet Bullet Moulds, 4 Rifle ditto, and 5½ Bolts of Osnaburgs.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Cap^t John Allen Thomas for Capt. Rezin Beall's independent Company 29 Musquets, 4 Rifles, Powder Horns Pouches and bullet Moulds, 6 Musquet Bullet Moulds, 300 Gun Flints, 100 Gun Slings, 62 Cartouch Boxes and Belts, 104 Hats and 5 Bolts of Osnaburgs.

Ordered That Cap^t John Allen Thomas be requested to purchase all the Buck Shot he can procure in Saint Mary's County.

Ordered That Col. Joshua Beall be requested to send 4 Barrels and 20 Keggs of Musquet Gunpowder out of the Gunpowder now in his Possession to the Committee of Observation for Charles County; and 35 Musquets from John Youst, in a covered Waggon under a Guard of a commissioned Officer and two Privates of Militia; the 35 Musquets for Captain Rezin Beall's Company.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Charles