

surrender of our rights. You may rely on my friendship on all occasions. My Brothers are all steady friends to your council, and we have not the least doubt but when your conduct comes to be tried by your country you will receive its thanks for your great attention to the publick good. You have been steady firm and determined in the present opposition to ministerial Tyranny and I hope will persevere to the end, bearing all Blasts with unshaken constancy and resolution. Nothing new here. I shall set out on Saturday or Sunday next to meet my wife. Be pleased shew this to your Brothers in council to whom I present my most respectful regards

I am Sir y<sup>r</sup> most obliged & aff. Friend.

Phil<sup>a</sup>

T. Stone.

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1776 Wednesday.

C. S. J.

Thursday 25 April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Person and Papers of Alexander Ross together with a Copy of his Examination, be sent under a Guard to the Honble Congress; and that Col. Smallwood be requested to appoint a commissioned Officer and two Privates to be a Guard for that Purpose.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 129 was sent to the Honble John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> President of the Congress, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 130 to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County Eighty six Pounds four Shillings & six Pence to discharge the Pay of the Minute Companies there.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 131 was sent to John Hanson Esq<sup>r</sup> Chairman of the Committee for the middle District of Frederick County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieutenant Samuel Turbutt Wright £60 on Account of Cap<sup>t</sup> Veazey's independent Company.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieutenant Samuel Turbutt Wright three Blankets and three Pieces Brittannies for Cap<sup>t</sup> Edward Veazey's Company.

M<sup>r</sup> Purviance appeared and presented to the Council an Explanation of some of the answers he made to the Questions propounded to him yesterday which were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.