

c. s. c. have sent you by Rob^t Owings £86.. 4. 6 Currency, agreeable to your Request. The Committee has our Permission to use any Part of the Public Powder in their possession whenever they think it necessary for the Defence of the Province.

Original.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Phil^a 25 April 1776.

Gen^t We this day about 12 oClock rec^d your letter of the 22^d by the return of our Express. No further proceeding in Congress on M^r Edens affair. King came in on Sunday about 3 oclock and is but just now discharged we think proper to mention it that you may not think him blameable. If M^r Rogers is able we wish his attendance here that as many of us as might be should be at the convention we don't think the province ought to be left unrepresented here. We are Gen^t

Your most obed^t Serv^t Ma^t Tilghman
Tho^s Johnson Jun^r T. Stone.

c. s. j.

Friday 26 April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday except M^r Jenifer.

Permits granted to the Boat Gimblet, Gilbert Middleton, Master, and Schooner Ranger, George Steel, Master, to pass to Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M^r John Brice Ten Pounds Currency for repairing a House for the Reception of the Records of Ann Arundel County.

Cap^t James Nicholson in Obedience to the Order of the 24th Instant having appeared before the Board, in Consequence of Instructions he had given his first Lieutenant, The Council proceeded to hear what he had to allege as a Justification or Excuse for giving said Orders. He urged a Conversation with M^r Purviance as Chairman of the Committee of Baltimore County, and that he shewed him a Letter from General Lee; and Captain Nicholson declaring upon his Honour that he expected his Officer was to act only on the Water, and that he expected Cap^t Smith would have applied to the Council of Safety for Instructions, and having before made Concessions by his Letter of the 21st Instant, Thereupon Ordered That Captain Nicholson be informed of the Opinion of this Board that General Lee has no Authority within this Province, and that M^r Purviance exceeded his Power in giving Directions to the Purport he had done, and that he be cautioned to be more on his Guard for the future.