

is a Copy, and as Matters of a very interesting Nature have been lately discussed in Congress relative to our Province which will be laid before the next Convention, it will be very proper that as many of our Deputies should be here as can be spared from Congress to represent what passed there; We request you will comply with the within Requisition if possible.

27th April 1776

[Rogers to Council.]

Original.

28th April 1776

Gentlemen

I shall endeavour to comply with the request in your favor received this morning by express. I am just recovering from a severe attack of the Gout, and find myself much relaxed and weaken'd, but I am in hopes of being able to set off on Wednesday next, and of getting to Philadelphia time enough for such of the Maryland Gentlemen as intend to be at the Convention, to attend the first day of its Meeting

I am, Gent. your most Obed^t Servt
J. Rogers

Monday 29th April 1776.

C. S. J.

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

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Lieutenant William Steritt thirty Shillings and two pence.

M^r Tilghman has Leave of Absence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Tuesday 30 April 1776.

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

Ordered That Captain John Fulford have two Pieces of Cannon which are now at M^r Richard Sprigg's, to be brought to the City of Annapolis and valued by Major Price and Captain Fulford, and that they report the Valuation of the same to this Board.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M^r William Niven twenty nine Pounds eight Shillings and three Pence for Steel Ramrods.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captain James Brice two Pounds eight Shillings and nine Pence for Lb. 13 Gunpowder.