

C. S. J.

Saturday 4th May 1776.

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

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Captain William Ringgold Junior twenty five Pounds twelve Shillings and six Pence to discharge the Pay of his Militia Company when on Duty from the 7th to the 10th of March last.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to M^r William Lux (for the use of James Jaffray) thirteen Pounds two Shillings for Cloth for the use of the Troops.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to M^r William Lux (for the use of Mess^{rs} Frisby Henderson and James Hollingsworth) twelve Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Mess^{rs} Robert Purviance, David Stewart and George Woolsey five hundred Pounds on Account of the Schooner Resolution.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Barton Lucas sixty six Pounds and seven Pence on Account of his Company.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at the City of Annapolis deliver to Cap^t Nathaniel Smith all the small Arms which were brought from Frederick County and 100 small Cartouch Boxes.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Thomas Smyth Esq. Eighty nine Pounds thirteen Shillings and six Pence for money advanced by him for Shoes, Rifles, &c. as p^r Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Smyth Esq^r Eleven Pounds four Shillings for sixteen Days Attendance as a member of the Council.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 O'Clock.

Original.

[West to Hall.]

John Hall Esq^rWoodyard 4th May 1776.

Dear Sir: I received your esteemed favour relative to my Muskett which I apprehend suffered from the rain, it is by no means equal to many that I have & shall have, yet I believe it is much better than what you generally get. I am warranted to say so by the People Officers & Soldiers from your City. I send you one much better finished than that you have got and I desire that it may be compared with those you get. I defy all your People to produce such a Bayonet, Rammer, or a barrel so well turned off, or such a Barrel of their make, light, plain well poized and Proof, yet these Barrells are by no means so good as the rest that I have which are larger and better, if my opinion was worthy of notice I woud deliver the