

C. S. J. Commissions issued to Richard Frisby appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, and James Frisby 2<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant of Capt. William Frisby's Company of Militia in Kent County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M<sup>r</sup> James West Eighteen pounds eighteen Shillings for 9½ Ream of Paper.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 17 was sent to the Deputies of this Province in Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C.  
No. 17.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies for Maryland in Congress.

Gent<sup>n</sup> We received M<sup>r</sup> Stone's Letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant and are obliged for the intelligence therein contained. We have heertofore wrote you by M<sup>r</sup> Steuard, which doubt not you have received—the Governor is not yet gone; we expect he will leave the Province in a few days, what interruption the Virginians will or can give him in his passage down the Bay, time will discover. We send you enclosed a copy of their resolves, which came by express this day directed to C. Carroll Esq<sup>r</sup> Chairman of the Convention, and appear to have been fabricated sometime after our Convention had broke up. You will see clearly the intention is to stir up the people against the powers now in being, Deputies in Congress, Convention, and Council of Safety, for which they deserve to be properly rewarded.—how far such proceedings tend to promote union and harmony amongst the colonies, you will judge as well or better than we can. We intend returning them a short answer, and leave to the Convention when they meet again to give them the payment they deserve.

Should the Congress think proper to request us to march our militia in the manner T. S. hath intimated, we must be under the disagreeable necessity of calling the Convention, tis not with us to say they shall march out of the Province; and we doubt the militia themselves will be backwards in so doing 'till all danger of invasion here be at an end for the season—3400 militia would take all the arms we have that are serviceable, and then what condition would our own province be in? we should become an easy prey to the Men of War and tenders that will swarm in the bay during the summer, and perhaps the ministerial Troops may be tempted by our weakness to do what they would not otherwise have attempted—this we say upon supposition that we must furnish them with arms &c. We shall hear more fully however hereafter.

The intelligence with regard to 7000 men rising and