

C. S. J.

Saturday 15 June 1776.

Met according to Adjournment. Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M<sup>rs</sup> Anne Johnson twelve Pounds seventeen shillings and three Pence for providing Subsistence for Capt. Mulliken's Company of Militia on the late Alarm by the Otter Sloop of War.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Major Gist three hundred and eighteen Pounds six Shillings and five Pence, the Amount of his Account.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to William Niven fifteen Pounds two Shillings and seven Pence, the Amount of his Account.

Adjourned till Monday 10 O'Clock.

Original.

[Maryland Deputies to Council.]

Gent<sup>n</sup> Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> was delivered to us yesterday, it has happened very well that you have called a Convention on the 20<sup>th</sup>, tho for the purpose of complying with the resolve of Congress we think your own powers are fully adequate. It never was intended that any part of the militia was compellable to march out of the Provinces; no do we know of any Power in ours, even tho' the Convention was sitting, to order the militia upon Service out of the Province, It was intended that the flying camp should be formed by voluntary Inlistments of the militia, and it was supposed that the People of the respective Provinces would readily and voluntarily march to the head quarters of this flying camp, which was ordered principally to defend the middle Colonies. It will be necessary however to appoint officers and give directions to the body of militia when raised, and this may be done by your council or the Convention. We wrote you a few days ago requesting a call of the Convention to deliberate upon matters of the last Importance, and we are glad that an earlier meeting than we expected will afford an opportunity to our constituents to communicate to us the sense of the Province upon the very interesting subjects mentioned in our Letter The session will be a very important one and we wish to attend, tho we know not whether it will be agreeable to our constituents to leave the Province unrepresented in Congress, it being a matter of much consequence to keep up the representation at this and all other times. We shall wait to hear from you and them upon this head, indeed we can't quit the Congress without Leave which