

rialists beg leave to refer, no obstructions have been thought of by them proper to be placed in the channel of the river, but Chiveaux de frise, or piles, both these are liable to be soon destroyed by the worm. if large piles could be driven down headed with Iron, they would be eaten so much with worm, in the course of one season, that they would be easily born down by men of war, coming up under full sail with a brisk wind. all obstructions of wood are liable to this objection, and therefore in their opinion not to be depended on. c. s. j.

The Council of Safety endeavoured soon after their appointment to procure Cannon from Philadelphia or New York, but were disappointed, M^r Hughs hath not yet complied with his contract. the want of heavy cannon was a further reason, why they could not proceed. when they can be procured, your Memorialists are of opinion that Batteries may be erected on Greenbury's Point, the Wind-mill Point, Horn Point, and places adjacent, between that and the city on the South side of the River, which may be of service, to prevent Landing, altho' they might not fully answer the purpose of preventing men of war approaching the place.

"Your memorialists further observe that at the late Convention, it was thought expedient to appropriate part of the money for building three Row Gallies, or Gondolas, so that there will not remain more than three thousand pounds currency, or thereabouts to be applied to the erecting fortifications.

"Under these Circumstances your memorialists submit to the Hon^{ble} Convention, whether they will direct the Council of Safety to endeavour to procure Cannon, and also buy up materials for erecting Batteries, giving them a discretionary power to draw on the treasury for such expences, as may be necessary, not exceeding a certain sum, or whether your honors will direct the residue of five thousand, nine hundred pounds, to be laid out in throwing up breast-works, and making other defences within the city, to prevent the Enemy landing, and taking possession thereof"

"By order and on behalf of the Council of Safety"
Dan^l of S^t Tho^s Jenifer, P:

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis and the Armourer deliver to Major Thomas Price thirty eight Gun Locks, for the rifles made at Frederick County.

Ordered That said Commissary deliver to Captⁿ Veazey ½ Dozen Quire Cartridge Paper.

Ordered That the Treasurer of Western Shore pay to Capt. James Tootle sixteen pounds & eight Pence C^y for guarding Magazine &c: