

c. s. J. Smith and David Stewart, for the said monies being produced to the said Treasurer, that then the said Treasurer pay to the said Lenders, or their Order, the Sums by them respectively advanced, according to the Order of Convention.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Purviance, Smith, and Stewart, having given contingent Orders to Cap<sup>t</sup> Woolsey and Cap<sup>t</sup> Waters for the Importation of sundry Goods, It is the Opinion of this Council, that if any Goods, other than those ordered by the Convention, should be laden on Board, that the same will not be the Adventure, or on the Risk of the public.

Ordered, That the Deputies for this Province in the Continental Congress or any three of them, contract for the purchase of any Quantity, not exceeding 300 Barrels of Gunpowder for the use of this Province, at a Price not exceeding £15 common money p<sup>r</sup> hundred and that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Order of the said Deputies a sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred pounds to be by them applied to the purchase.

On Application of [Dr. Ephraim] Howard (son of Henry) for the Loan [of £600] to enable him to carry on the manufacture of Saltpetre, in an extensive manner, It is ordered, That on his producing a Certificate from Major Jenifer and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, or either of them, that he hath given Bond, with sufficient Security, agreeable to the Order of the Convention, The Treasurer of the Western Shore pay the said Dr Ephraim Howard the Sum of six hundred pounds common money for the purpose aforesaid.

A like Application was made by Dr Samuel Coale for the Loan of £250, to enable him to carry on a Salt-petre Work. Ordered, That the said Sum of two hundred and fifty pounds common money, be paid him by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, on his producing a Certificate from Mr Alexander and Charles Carroll, Barrister, or either of them, of his having given Bond with Security, agreeable to the Order of the Convention.

By the Council of Safety of Maryland 21<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1775.

It is recommended to the Officers having the Charge and keeping of the Records in the Secretary's, Land, and Commissary's Offices, that proper Chests not over large, be provided at the public Expence, and the Records of Conveyances, Certificates, Patents and Wills [be placed in three Chests] and kept in the Offices to which they [respectively belong] in Order, that they, as well as the late papers [may] be ready in Case of Emergency to be instantly removed to some place of Security, and there kept under the Care of the proper sworn Officers.