

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M^r Patrick Ewing One hundred and twenty pounds for subsist and Advance money for Capt. Nathaniel Ramsey's Recruits.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M^r Thomas Harwood and M^r Thomas Goldsmith thirty pounds each for subsist and Advance money for Capt. John Day Scott's Recruits.

Instructions and sailing Orders were given to Capt. Robert Forsythe, of the Brig Sam, and to Capt. Thomas Kell, of the Schooner Dolphin.

Council adjourns till Tomorrow morning half after 9 o'Clock.

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[Instructions to Capt. Forsythe.]

Cap^t Robert Forsythe Sir.

You are to proceed from hence to the Island of Martinico and there deliver the inclosed letter and your cargo to M^r Richard Harrison, if M^r Harrison should not be at the Island of Martinico, addressed to M^r M^cCreary and if he should not be there, You are in that case to open the letter addressed to M^r Harrison sell your Cargo at the very highest prices you can get, the money arising from the sales you must lay out in gunpowder if you can get it, if not, in muskets fitted with good bayonets & if they are not to be had, salt petre and Sulphur & if you cannot get those articles, then lay out the whole in strong coarse linens & russia duck. And take care you are not imposed on in your purchases. As soon as you have done your business make the best of your way home, and avoid speaking with vessels on the Coast, when you come into the latitude of our capes if you have a strong fair wind in, push up the Bay as far as possible, and if you find it failing, run into some small Harbour & there wait till you have a favourable opportunity to get into Patomac, Patuxent or Annapolis. If you find a better chance of getting into any of the inlets between cape charles and cape Henlopen than into our Bay, you may push into one of them, and send an express to the Council of Safety, letting them know where you are and what you have got but take care and land your goods under the care of a Committee as soon as you can for fear of being followed by the Tenders. In going out you had better take a brisk gale of wind, or get out of nights as Tenders commonly keep a strict watch at the capes in the day time, but hope you will behave with care and industry on this Voyage. If you are chased and find you must be taken throw all your papers overboard, with weights to sink them.