of being placed in his stead I therefore beg leave to recom- c. s. c. mend him to your favour as a person who in my opinion will not fail to execute the office properly and whose appointment will give satisfaction.

To the Honorable Council of Safety of Maryland at Annapolis.

I am Gent Y' mo: obed' Servant Mat Tilghman.

[N. Thomas to Council.]

Original.

Gentlemen. Inclosed you have my commission of Quarter Master which I resign and earnestly request you to appoint Mr William Perry in my stead, his being appointed I think will give general satisfaction.

I am Gent yr very obedt Servt Nic: Thomas

Friday 9 August 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Lieut. Berkit Falcon three hundred Pounds to be expended in purchasing Arms by the Committee of Dorchester County.

Copy of Letter No 128 was sent to the Committee of Obser-

vation for St. Mary's County.

Ordered That Capt. Peter Mantz march immediately from S' Mary's to Annapolis on his way to Philadelphia, and that he leave his Baggage at the mouth of Patuxent where a pilot Boat is to be sent for the same.

Ordered that Capt. Uriah Forrest remain in St Mary's County subject to the direction of the Committee of Observation for said County until the further Orders of the Council.

Ordered that Captain Richard Berry proceed with the pilot Boat under his Command to the mouth of Patuxent, and there take on Board the Baggage belonging to Capt. Peter Mantz's Company: and that he bring with him a nine Pounder belonging to the Public now at the mouth of patuxent River.

Commissions issued to the following Officers of a Company

of Militia for the flying Camp, to wit

Thomas Bank Capt. dated 2 Augt Berkit Falcon 1 L^t

John Lynch

Ias W. Gray 3 Lt 2 Augt

Also to Thomas Wyon Lockerman 1 Lt dated 17 July and Levin Handy 2 Lt of Capt. Potter's Company of Militia for the flying Camp. Copy of Letter No 129 was sent to the Deputies of Mary-

land in Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.