

never took up arms against America. His Lordship after that endeavoured to distress me by every means; at last I formed the scheme of throughing myself upon the country which I once injured to get clear of the most despotic wretch. Hoping Gentlemen you will take my case into consideration,  
I remain Your Hble & obliged Serv<sup>t</sup>  
James Cunningham.

C. S. J.

Tuesday 13 August 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.  
Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 132 was sent to Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hyde.  
Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Harford County deliver to Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hyde all the musquets and Blankets in their possession, belonging to the Publick.  
Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Dan<sup>l</sup> & Sam<sup>l</sup> Hughes two thousand Pounds, on Acc<sup>t</sup> of his Contract for a Cannon Foundry.  
Commission issued to W<sup>m</sup> Perry appointed Quarter master to the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of militia, in the room of Nich<sup>s</sup> Thomas, who resigned.  
Ordered That Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Sam<sup>l</sup> Edmondson seventy Pounds Curry.  
Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Simmonds five Pounds for two Guns.  
Captain Campbell's Company was commissioned.  
Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Ridgely jun<sup>r</sup> four Pounds, ten shillings, for a musquet & Bayonet.  
Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Capt<sup>n</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Waters one hundred and seventy five for a Boat.  
Ordered That Commiss<sup>y</sup> of Stores deliver to Stephen Steuard ten Swivel guns with furniture, 72 Barrell of Cannon Powder & 6<sup>w</sup> of Musquet Powder.  
Adjourned till next day 10 o'clock.

C. S. C.  
No. 132.

[Council to Hyde.]

Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hyde  
Sir.

As we are very desirous of having the Troops stationed at Baltimore under y<sup>r</sup> command, armed as speedily as possible, and as we are informed the Committee of Observation of Harford County have about 60 stand belonging to this Province, we request you will immediately send up for them, and deliver them on receipt to your Companies. Inclosed you have an order on the Committee for them.

Aug<sup>t</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1776.