

this and the upper District and that they have sufficient reasons to believe, they are secreted by their Friends.

Under these circumstances the Committee wish the Convention to take some order therein, as they conceive the interposition of their authority may be necessary for the speedy apprehending them, and discouraging desertion in future.

I am likewise to mention, that there have been and still are, several sick soldiers lodged in this town, belonging to the continental army, and as no provision hath been made for them I am to request your directions.

I am Sir, with great respect, y^r very obed^t Serv^t
Philip Thomas, of Comm^e Corresp^e

Friday September 13th 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Eastern shore Treas^r pay to Col^o James Murray seven hundred and six Pounds, thirteen shillings & six Pence for Militia duty.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Captain John Parnham thirty four Pounds, seventeen shillings & eight pence for Militia duty.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Tho^s Dent eight Pounds, eight shillings & ten Pence for Am^t of Acc^t

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Dent twenty five Pounds for enumerating Inhabitants in Part of P: Geo's County.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to W^m Tuck three pounds, eleven shillings, and eight Pence for Expresses.

Copy of Letter N^o 180, To Geo: Cooke Esq^r

James Boyd of Saint Mary's County contract with the Council of Safety for making musquets compleatly fitted in the usual manner at £4.. 5 .. each. The Council engaging to take any quantity of him, & find Powder for their Proof.

Ordered That W: Shore Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three pounds, ten shillings for a Musquet.

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Joseph Gilpin Esq^r one thousand pounds for three Companies in Cæcil County.

Copy of Letter N^o 181 was sent to Benj. Rumsey & Ja^s Tilghman Esq^{rs}

Henry Hillam, Zerobabel Maddox and William Corbin being called upon, and examined, and appearing to be persons, who had gone over to the Enemy and deserted from them, ordered that they stand committed until they give security in the sum of fifty Pounds currency each, for their good behaviour, and obeying all orders of the Honorable Congress and Convention.