

Tuesday 24th September 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That W. Shore Treasurer pay to James Harvey five pounds.

W^m Jones appointed Inspector of Whites Warehouse in Dorchester County.

The Council of Safety contracted with Joseph Selby for the making two thousand Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts and Gunslings, to be delivered in one month from this date at twelve shillings & six Pence.

They also contract with George Gordon for the making two thousand Cartouch Boxes, Bayonet Belts & Gunslings at twelve shillings & six Pence.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon three hundred Pounds on Acc^t of above contract.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Colonel John Dorsey & Maj^r Gaither one hundred & thirty pounds for purchase of Arms.

Ordered That M^r Elisha Winters deliver to Captⁿ Joseph Richardson all the musquets he has ready made for the public Service.

Ordered That the Committee of observation for Kent County deliver to Captⁿ Jos^h Richardson ten pounds of Powder & forty Pounds of Lead.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Gilbert Yeldhall three Pounds, five shillings for a Gun.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o' Clock.

[Cook to Boucher.]

Original.

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Sir: Unluckily this morning our small Bower cable parted near the anchor. I endeavoured to weigh it by the Bouy rope, that also parted at the crown of the anchor. I have left a watch Buoy near the place. I'm afraid it will intrude on you too far to ask your kindness, should it be calm whilst your hear to suffer some of your boats to endeavour to get the anchor for the good of the service. It will so far suffice that on seeing the Buoy, that is to shew where our anchor lies.

I am Sir with esteem your most Hble Serv^t
Commodore Boucher of the Congress George Cook
or Cap^t Brook of the Liberty.