

hands on it, 'till within a few days past. I now inclose it and hope your Hon^{ble} board will not impute the delay to neglect or disobedience of your orders, but to the reasons above assigned; and should you think it expedient to renew the order, must request that the charge against the parties may be thereto annexed, and be assured I will immediately proceed thereon agreeable to your directions.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect Gent.

Your mo: obed^t Serv^{ts}

Pat. Sim Smith.

Friday, October 25th 1776

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commission and Letter of Marque issued to Francis Speake, Commander of Sloop Potomack, mounting twelve carriage Guns.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Luke Marbury twenty four Pounds, six Shillings and four Pence for Am^t Acc^t

Copy of Letter N^o 237, was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth.

Vernon Hebb and Timothy Bowes appointed to take the Depositions of any Witnesses relative to a Sloop sunk by Dunmore's Fleet near S^t George's Island, and the sails, and other Things taken from and out of her, by W^m Richardson, and transmit the same, when taken, to the Council of Safety.

Permit was granted to W^m Thomas Master of Schooner Edward to go to Martinique, he having given Bond, & lodged manifest, agreeable to the Resolves of Convention.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Ch^s Ridgely, twenty one Pounds nineteen shillings and ten Pence currency.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

[Council to Hollingsworth.]

C. S. C.
No. 237.

Sir.

If any of the Cabooses on board of the vessels belonging to this State will suit the armed boat commanded by Capt. Patterson, we desire you will send one down, by this opportunity, as Capt. Patterson cannot sail without it. We are told there is a small one on board the schooner Friendship that probably will answer the purpose.

M^r Jesse Hollingsworth.

Oct. 25th 1776