

C. S. J.

Saturday 16th November 1776

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Auber ten Shillings.

Commission issued to Larkin Hammond appointed Captain of the Schooner Jenifer mounting 10 Carriage Guns and ten Swivels, with sixty men.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Larkin Hammond One hundred and fifty Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Frederick Skinner fifty shillings for a Musquet.

Ordered That Mess^{rs} Vernon Hebb and Timothy Bowes be and are hereby authorized and empowered to sell all the Vessels with their Tackle, Apparel and furniture belonging to this State, lying in or near St' Mary's River in St' Mary's County, drifted on Shore or made Captures of from Lord Dunmore's Fleet; they first giving due notice of the Time and Place of such Sale, and that they make Return of their Proceedings, and of the money arising from such Sale to the Council of Safety or other executive Power of this State; reserving to themselves a reasonable Commission for their Trouble.

Commission issued to Robert Dashiell Commander of the Sloop Betsey mounting ten Guns, as a private Letter of Marque.

Warrant issued to Hugh Gardner to recruit men for the Continental Service.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieutenant Clement Smith for his Recruits, one Bolt of Osnaburgs and twenty four Pair of Shoes.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 10^o Clk.

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[Maryland Commissioners to Tilghman.]

Philadelphia Nov. 16th 1776.Mathew Tilghman Esq^r

Sir.

On receipt of yours the 10th Instant we waited on the Honorable Congress. This morning received a Letter & Resolutions of Congress, the inclosed are copies. To us new difficulties arise. Among others a grand one. Whether our Regular troops (who are already engaged during the war) should now be enlisted for three years. As we conceive the subject matter of these Resolves to be new, we wait for further directions from the honourable convention of our State. As time grows short we have sent off the express with the utmost despatch.