

of the Council, and I could wish it were still in my power, c. s. c. without making too great a sacrifice, to remain of that Body, as the fullness of my gratitude wou'd perhaps, be better manifested by a continuation in that department, than any profession I can make; but as that cannot be effected unless under such circumstances as scarcely leave it optional to act or not, and in my opinion will justify a temporary retirement with one who has been so long and constantly engaged in the service of the Public as I have, I am obliged, however reluctantly, to decline a further continuance and to request you to accept this as my resignation. When I was last in company with the President of the convention I desired he wou'd do me the favor to signify to them the impracticability of my remaining longer at your Board, and to request for me, that I might not be in the nomination, but I presume as I am in, it escaped his memory from the hurry of Business and was not intimated to them. I am persuaded if it had been they woud have dispensed with my acting any longer in that Station, and chearfully indulged me with the recess, which I am now constrained to take.

I have the Honor to be most respectfully,  
Gentlemen,  
Y<sup>r</sup> obed<sup>t</sup> Hb<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Ja. Tilghman

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 1776.

c. s. j.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Contractor for the Supply of provisions, furnish the Virginia Troops now in the City of Annapolis, and on their March to Philadelphia with three Days provision.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Samuel Fischer thirty shillings Currency.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Cromwell twenty nine Pounds for plank sold M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Steward for the use of this State.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Beriah Maybury twelve Pounds nine Shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Gardner for the use of Capt. Benjamin Philpott, thirty four Pounds and ten Pence.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 16 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Dorchester County, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 17 to Brigadier General Hooper.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.