

jecture to land a body of Troops at South Amboy, which is very probable, if this City is the object with M<sup>r</sup> Howe, others guess Virginia or South Carolina, the latter is the most suspicious, because if they succeed against Charles Town, they can pass the winter there. a few days will relieve us from conjecture.

I submit to you the propriety of ordering the Artillery Companies at Baltimore Town and Annapolis, be exercised daily, if the weather will permit, and at least three times a week. Practise alone can make Artillerists. In our Army we destroy as many of our own People as of the Enemy.

Your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> I received by yesterday's Post. We have paid for the paper. There are not 400 Dollars in M<sup>r</sup> Paca's hands. would it not be proper to transmit the account ag<sup>t</sup> Congress, or by some means lodge money here to exchange our money.

I delivered the Resolves relative to Virginia to the Delegates of that State.

I am, Gentlemen, with Respect  
Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Chase.

Wednesday November 27. 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. M<sup>r</sup> Jenifer attended.  
Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Clerk thirty Pounds for Expresses.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Dennis fifteen shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Littig for the use of Samuel Messersmith One hundred and nineteen Pounds seventeen Shillings and nine Pence.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to M<sup>r</sup> Michael Mungan thirteen Pounds eight Shillings for recruiting Matrosses for the service of this State.

Ordered That the Paymaster pay to Josiah Johnson of Capt. Solomon Long's Company of regulars six Pounds for three month's Duty.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 26 was sent to Capt. William Stone, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 27 to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Vanbibber & Harrison, Martinique.  
Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Capt. Stone.]

C. S. C.  
No. 26.

Sir. We have already wrote Captain Martin and Jesse Hollingsworth about the Brig Friendship, we have nothing farther to say at present than merely to refer you to those letters, and to inform you that it never was our intention to