

Public business of the County will be thrown into some confusion especially the collection; not above one fourth of w^c is yet made, and consequently many of the public Creditors are unpaid. If the Council of Safety think proper that I should finish the collection, I propose putting it into the hands of M^r Moses Galloway, who is a person of property & unexceptionable character. And I shall give him directions to apply every shilling he collects to the payment of the County debts, & I am content to wait for my own claim until the others are paid. Or if you think proper to take it out of my hands, I am ready to settle an acco^t w^t the County; and if after deducting my own claims which have been levied by the court, there appears any ballance due by me, I am ready to pay it to any person you direct. The last mode will be most agreeable to me. I apprehend it will be necessary to publish some Resolve on the subject, as too many of the people are ready to catch at every excuse, & will not pay without something of this sort is done. It has been said by some of my enemys since my departure that I am considerably indebted to the County. The contrary will appear to be the case upon examination. For I am considerably in advance for 1775, and altho' I cannot exactly say how the acco^t stands for the present year, yet from the smallness of the collection I am pretty confident, that after deducting my own claims, w^c were allow'd at the Levy Court, little or nothing remains in my hands; which as I said before I am able & willing to pay. It is necessary something should be speedily done in this affair, & as you are much better Judges of the mode than I can pretend to be, I shall say nothing further on the subject. Please to favor me w^t an answer by M^r Galloway, and believe me with much respect,

Gentlemen,
Your most obed^t hum^l Serv^t
Rob^t Christie Jun^r

Saturday, December 14th 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.
Ordered That the Com^{missary} of Stores deliver to Capt. Thomas Conway sixty five Bushels of Salt.

Commission issued to Thomas M^cWilliams appointed Captain of marines on Board the Sloop Molly, Thomas Conway Commander.

Copy of Letter N^o 58 was sent to Capt. Ignatius Taylor, and Copy of N^o 59 to Brigadiers General Johnson, Buchanan and Chamberlaine, and Col. Charles Rumsey respectively.

Ordered That Capt. Patterson be directed to send off with all Dispatch all the Vessels he can procure, to the Head of Elk or French Town, to bring down military Stores there