

should every moment receive orders from Congress,—but no such orders have yet come to hand. It is true Mr. Chase wrote to Mr. Quynn to apply to the Council of Safety to send relief to the head of Elk, for the sick and Stores belonging to this State. We immediately engaged craft for that purpose, but before they sailed Purviance advised us that a sufficient number were engaged at Baltimore. By letter from Mr. Chase to Capt Nicholson which was just now handed to us we observe that seamen are much wanted to man the Frigates and in consequence thereof we have ordered Captⁿ Cooke to proceed with all the men that can be spared from the Defence to Phil^a and there to receive the orders of Congress. We have not received a scrip of a Pen either from Congress, our Delegates, or any one of them, relative to the assistance mentioned to Col^o Ewing, M^r Quynn or Captⁿ Nicholson and we cannot help observing to you that applying to individuals who necessarily must apply to the Council of Safety from whom their power must be deputed before they can act is losing of time to say nothing of the want of respect to a Body of men with whom the Executive Powers of the State are entrusted.

P. S. Inclosed you have the letters we have sent to the military Officers, and doubt not but they will do every thing in their Power to have their men in readiness to march to Philadelphia or any other place they may be ordered to.

Dec^r 15, 1776

[A. Buchanan to Council.]

Original.

B. City Dec. 15th 1776.

Gentlemen.

I rec^d yours p^r Col^o Ewing and have given the necessary orders, to the militia to hold themselves ready to march at short notice. I am ask'd by the militia how they are to be provided with Tents, arms, Baggage waggons &c. it woud be necessary to let me know how they are to be procur'd, if those necessaries are not provided before orders are given for the militia to march it will retard them much.

I am

Gent. Yours &c.

And. Buchanan.

Monday, December 16. 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, except M^r Jenifer.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Lloyd forty five Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to John M^cfadon fifty two Pounds one Shilling and three Pence.