

C. S. J.

Monday, December 30. 1776.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Copy of Letter N^o 75 was sent to Benjamin Harrison Esq^r of Congress.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Crockett, by Draught of Abraham Van Bibber, two hundred and ninety Eight Pounds, fourteen Shillings and eight Pence half penny.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said John Crockett for the use of Thomas Dalling four hundred Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said John Crockett for the use of Jesse Hollingsworth two thousand pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Niven & Co. One hundred and thirty Pounds six Shillings and Eleven Pence.

Ordered That M^r Jesse Hollingsworth deliver to Stephen Steward fifty Bushels of Salt.

Col. John Weems and Stephen Steward junior having appeared before this Board and acknowledged that they had been active in making and delivering the Cards mentioned in the former Order of the Council of Safety, and having promised that they would not intermeddle in the same manner again, but would leave all Persons to be dealt with according to the Law of the Land, and the Resolves of Congress and Convention, Ordered thereupon that they be dismissed from any further Attendance upon paying the messenger his Fees for serving the abovementioned Order, and Return thereof.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

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[Council to B. Harrison.]

Benjamin Harrison Esq^r (of Congress.)

Sir,

Considering the State of Maryland to be embarked in the same cause with the Hon^{ble} Congress, we readily and cheerfully agree that you should have the small armed Schooner now in your Port, which, we hope, will answer the purpose intended, nothing more will be asked for her in Point of Price, but what she cost the State, we expect not to gain, nor would you wish we are persuaded that the state of Maryland should loose any thing by the vessel. we let you have her in the public cause to oblige congress. be pleased to notify this to the commander, and direct him to return a schedule, or mem: of Guns, and other Effects on board, the price we will send hereafter.

Blankets we have none, but we will furnish M^r Griffin with Cotton to make them, which may be easily done, 'tis the shift