

have been told be true, I hope I shall merit the appointment as my study shall be in every respect to discharge the trust you are so kind as to put in me with every mark of Honour. I would most readily do myself the Honour of waiting on you in person, but I am this day ordered to mount Guard to morrow as one of the Militia, it coming in turn on our Company (Baltimore Independents) and being one of the first subscribers to that company, and has ever since its commencement makes no doubt if you have not yet appointed a Lieut to Capt<sup>n</sup> Smith that you will think of me which will be acknowledged as a particular Honour conferred on him who has the Honour to be

Gent<sup>n</sup> Your very humble & obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Portteus

c. s. J.

Wednesday 17 July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday except M<sup>r</sup> Carroll.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Allen Quynn three pounds seven Shillings and six pence for  $6\frac{3}{4}$  Cord wood for the Breastworks in the City of Annapolis.

That the said Treasurer pay Daniel Coulter forty six Shillings on Account of the Hospital.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 47 was sent to Capt. David Craufurd, Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 48 to Brigadier General Dent or the commanding Officer in St. Mary's County, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 49 to M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Ringgold, M<sup>r</sup> Aquila Brown and D<sup>r</sup> Ringgold on Kent Island.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> fourteen pounds two Shillings and eight pence for Expences attending his Journey to Somerset County.

Adam Berthaud was appointed third Lieutenant of Capt. Fulfold's Matross Company.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock & met accordingly.

Ordered That the Committee of Observation for Queen Ann's County be requested immediately to provide Barracks on Kent Island for Captain Dean's Company.

That Capt. Dean's Company of flying Camp Militia, as soon as they can be provided with Arms march down to Kent Island for the protection thereof.

That a Barrel of Gunpowder and 400 lb of Lead be immediately sent over to Kent Island to the Care of Thomas Ringgold, Aquila Brown and Doctor Ringgold, for the use thereof.