

Thursday 18 July 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present the same Members as on yesterday, except M^r Hall.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores send from the Magazine near Capt. Tootell's to the City of Annapolis 4 Barrels of Gun powder.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Septimus Noel seven pounds ten Shillings for Boat hire to transport the Troops to Head of Elk.

Ordered That three 4 pounders mounted on Carriages with their necessary Apparatus and a sufficient Quantity of powder and Ball be sent down to S^t Mary's County, and that Major Price be requested to provide the necessary Carriages to transport the same with all convenient Speed.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M^r Hugh Hopewell three hundred Pounds for the use of the commanding Officer in S^t Mary's County, to supply the Militia, on Duty there with Provisions.

That the said Treasurer pay to D^r Charles Troope four pounds four Shillings and six pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to M^r Hugh Hopewell for the use of Col. Somervill £50 Currency.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Taylor eleven pounds nineteen Shillings and two pence on Account of Gun Carriages.

Copy of Letter N^o 52 was sent to Col. Thomas Ewing, Copy of N^o 53 to the commanding Officer in S^t Mary's County, Copy of N^o 54 to Lieutenant Col. Somervill, Copy of N^o 55 to Charles Ridgely sen^r and Copy of N^o 56 to Capt. Nathaniel Smith.

Ordered That the commanding Officer in S^t Mary's County take under his Charge the Schooner lately taken from the Enemy, unlade her and put her to what use he may think best for the public Service; likewise the Sloop which is now aground if it can be done with Safety.

Ordered That Col. Josias Carvel Hall be requested to command such of the Officers in his Battalion who have enrolled the number of men expressed in their respective warrants to march with their several Divisions immediately to the City of Annapolis.

Ordered that Major Benjamin Nicholson be requested immediately to deliver the province Arms in his Possession to the commanding Officer of the flying Camp Militia at Baltimore Town or his Order.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Richard Sprigg two hundred and fifty pounds for a Schooner.