

c. s. c. moved to be returned back, & that he may be allowed to keep the whole on the Island until the danger becomes more imminent, in which case he shall give strict orders for immediate removal:

c. s. J.

Tuesday 23^d July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Niven for the use of M^{rs} Priscilla Pinkney ten pounds eight shillings and three pence for the use of his House for Barracks.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores furnish Colonel William Hyde with what Arms and Accoutrements may be necessary to arm one Battalion of Flying Camp.

Alexander M^cGee of Baltimore County having been brought before this Board in Consequence of a Charge exhibited against him, and a letter wrote by the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County; and M^r William Buchanan having been examined on Oath in Support of the said Charge, and fully proving the same, and the said Alexander M^cGee having been heard in his own Defence and alleging nothing material,

It is Ordered and adjudged that the said Alexander M^cGee be conducted back to Baltimore Town under a Guard and there remain in Custody until he give Bond in the sum of three hundred Pounds Currency with good Security to be approved of by the Committee of Observation for said County with Condition that he do not in any manner correspond with or give Intelligence to the Enemies of America, & further that he obey all Orders of the honble Congress and Convention; and that on giving such Bond and paying all Expences of conveying him to Annapolis and back again, he be discharged from Custody.

Adjourned till 3 oClock & met accordingly.

Copy of Letter N^o 70 was sent to John Yost of George Town.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores send, in a Waggon to be procured for that Purpose, to the Committee of Observation for Skipton District in Frederick County 800^{lb} Lead: And to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County 8 Barrels of Gunpowder.

Ordered that Cap^t James Hindman detach a Guard with said Powder and Lead.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Doctor Charles Alexander Warfield four hundred Pounds to enable him to carry on a Crude Nitre Manufactory.