

Mill, about nine miles from Salisbury, and 'tis reported they C. S. C. have three field peices, which they received from the Roe-buck, with some men, with intention to seise the Magazine and destroy the property of the Whiggs. Coll. Dashiell is now at Salisbury with what Whiggs he could collect about 130, and is to be reinforced on Monday, by eight companies from this county

Capt. Nicholson's Tender brings accounts that there are three men of war in the bay, one at the Tangiers, one at Smith's point, and one in the middle, and that it is reported some men, with two field peices are landed from the Roe Buck. Congress has ordered Col. W^m Buchanan's Battalion, which was ordered to Camp, to march with Col^o Gist, and some armed vessells to prevent any communication from the Ships, and to prevent their plundering.

I suggest my fears of a difference injurious to the service, if Gen^l Hooper should march on this business. Col. Gist will not submit to be commanded by that Gentleman. I beg leave to remind the Board of the opinion of Gen^l Gates to the necessary orders respecting the Fort here. Several recommendations have gone from Congress to our State. I hope they will be duly attended to.

If advice Boats are not sent outside of the Capes, several of our Store vessells may fall into the hands of our enemies.

The post has not come in—no news. I must again repeat the necessity of a Representation.

I am, Gentlemen, with respect & Regard
Your most obed^t Servant,

The Honble Council of Safety
of Maryland

Sam^l Chase.

Fryday February 7th 1777.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Francis Deams Nine hundred & forty three Pounds Thirteen Shillings.

Commission issued to Frederick Deams appointed Captain of a Company in the Continental Army.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Woolman Gibson Three pounds Seven Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to General Smallwood Two Thousand Dollars

That the said Treasurer pay to Zekiel Towson Seventy Nine pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robinson Stevens for the use of General Hooper One Thousand pounds.