

I have already promised, tho' several applications have been c. s. c.
made to me lately. I am Sir

Your most obed^t Servant,
Chris. Lowndes.

The Honble. Daniel of St. Tho^s Jenifer Esq.
President of the Council of Safety at Annapolis

[Benjamin Mackall to Council.]

Gent. Calvert County 3rd January 1777.
Inclosed you have Lieutenant Col^o Alexander Somervell's
commission, which he resigned on the 19th of last December.
I am with great respect,

Gent. your most humble Servant,
Benj. Mackall 4th

The Honble The council of
Safety of Maryland

Saturday, January 4. 1777.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Elizabeth
Sharp four Pounds.

Copy of Letter N^o 85 was sent to Thomas Contee Esquire.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph
Middleton twelve Musquets, two Pounds of Powder and lead
Equivalent.

Whereas the honorable Congress have recommended to all
the united States as soon as possible to appoint a Day of
solemn Fasting and Humiliation "to implore of Almighty
God the forgiveness of the many sins prevailing among all
Ranks, and to beg the Countenance and Assistance of his
Providence in the Prosecution of this just and necessary
War;" The Council of Safety have thought proper to appoint
Monday the third Day of February next as a Day of solemn
Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer for the Purposes abovementioned.
Of which all the Inhabitants of this State are
requested to take notice.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Contee.]

C. S. C.
No. 85.

Sir. We were in expectation of seeing you here on Monday
last, indeed the pressing necessity of seeing some of the
Commissioners (none of whom have yet attended) compels us