

c. s. c. his clk, and that the said Francis Muire hath refused and still doth refuse delivering up all the books relative to the Ship of War Defence, belonging to this State, in such case your memorialist is apprehensive he will be greatly injured. Your memorialist humbly prays you will order some method which your Honours in your wisdom shall think most proper, for bringing the said Muire to a fair settlement of the public money committed to my charge. And your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

George Cook.

18th February 1777.

c. s. J.

Wednesday, February 19th 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to M^{rs} Lowe Twenty Nine Shillings for making Shirts.

Commission Issued to Frederick Hill appointed Ensign of Captain Handys Company of Militia in Somerset County.

In Council of Safety, Annapolis Feb^{ry} 19th 1777

The honorable General Assembly.

In consequence of your direction to send immediately two armed cutters to cruize between Cape Hatteras and Chingoteague Inlet for the purpose of giving early intelligence to all vessels bound to this State, of the Ships of War now stationed in this Bay. We have endeavoured to get vessels ready for that purpose but find it impracticable to procure the Captains on the Bounty & ordinary wages or men on their present Pay which we think proper to inform you of and submit to your further Consideration

By order R. Ridgely Clk

Copy of Letter N^o 165 was sent to Samuel Chase Esquire

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Cap. Alex. Furnival One hundred and seventy four Pounds Twelve Shillings & Six pence

Copy of Letter N^o 166 was sent to Vanbibber & Harrison

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Wilson Esq^r forty four Pounds two Shillings for Attendance & Item Ch^s

Copy of Letter N^o 167 was sent to Cap^t Nathaniel Smith.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Ebenezer Handy Fifteen Pounds Eleven shillings and four pence Also the further sum of Five Pounds Twelve Shillings.

Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.