

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 1777.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon four pounds for a Gun.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Creswell Eleven hundred thirty three and one Sixths Dollars for the use of of Vanbibber & Crockett by order of Abraham Vanbibber.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Thomas Lansdale One thousand Dollars.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 178 was sent to General Smallwood.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reid Ninety one pounds.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

[Council to Smallwood.]

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No. 178.

Sir.

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Your fav<sup>r</sup> of the 3<sup>d</sup> Instant came to hand and was immediately laid before the House of Delegates who referred it back to this Board with directions that we should take such order therein as we should judge necessary.

We have no doubt but you have taken such steps in this business as you thought most conducive to the general good, and hope you'll soon have it in your power to have your post in such circumstances as will secure peace and quietness in future.

You mention your having some Prisoners in custody, and wish to know whether you are to send them up immediately or detain them longer until you can take more depositions. In answer to this we can only say that if the depositions already taken are conclusive it might be proper to send up the prisoners, if not you would do well to detain them until you can obtain such depositions, if in your opinion they can be had within a reasonable time. You would do well to publish the proclamation immediately as in our opinion no decisive measures can be taken with the Insurgents until the expiration of the 40 days therein mentioned, the arms of all should be instantly taken.

If any of the excepted persons or others will inlist into our service you are empowered to inform them this will wash away their offences, and the Council would rejoice at their taking this step to reinstate themselves in the good opinion of their injured Country.

We shall take care to lay a list of the several applicants you mention before the General Assembly  
Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood.