

C. B. Ordered That the following Resignation of M^r John Contee be inserted, as follows

Feb^{ry} 24th 1777.

Gentlemen

The honour conferred upon me by the General Assembly in appointing of me a member of the Council to the Governor of this State claims my sincerest acknowledgements, and for which I do return unfeigned Thanks. sho^d be exceedingly glad (was it in my Power) to undertake that honourable Trust, but am prevented by the great Danger at this Time in Annapolis of taking the Small Pox, and the dreadful Idea I have of receiving that Disorder in the natural way will I hope by every discreet Person be thought a reason sufficient for my not attending. it is my Intention to get inoculated as soon as it can with Convenience be done, after that should I be thought worthy of Confidence in this Government will cheerfully undertake the Post, to which I may be appointed. As I profess myself a Friend to the Cause of Independence, am desirous to lend a helping Hand towards the support of it.

I presumed it necessary to trouble you with these few Lines, that the Council might be informed thereof, and proceed to elect another member in my stead.

I am Gent^l

Y^r much obliged and

most ob^t Serv^t

John Contee

The Hon^{ble} The General Assembly.

Whereupon James Brice Esquire was elected by Ballot in his Stead.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Gann four Pounds twelve shillings and eight Pence for his Cloathing, p Certificate of his Officer Captⁿ Woolford.

Thomas Fisher Captain of the Sloop Betsy makes report of said Vessel, which appears to have been regularly cleared from the Port of Hampton in Virginia, and Permission granted to him to dispose of the Cargo, on Board within this State.

Ordered, that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Gordon three pounds, two shillings, and six Pence, for Am^t of Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Elisha Edgar, eighteen Pounds, five shillings for Am^t of Acc^t

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[Council to St. G. Peale.]

In Council Annapolis 16th April 1777

Sir

Your Letter to the Governor is just now received. In our Instructions to M^r M^cHard we inserted the following Clause.