

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1777.

C. B.

Present the same Members, as on the first inst<sup>t</sup>

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt<sup>n</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith one hundred and fifty nine Pounds, four shillings and eleven pence, for Am<sup>t</sup> of Acc<sup>t</sup>

[Council to Norton and Beall.]

C. C.

Annapolis 3<sup>d</sup> May 1777.

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Gen<sup>t</sup>

We have some Goods in Statia in the Hands of M<sup>r</sup> Stevenson, which we shall be obliged to you to forward in small quick sailing Vessels; we would have them divided in as many such as conveniently may be. If there should be Difficulties in shipping the Goods immediately to the Continent, we shall be obliged to you to write M<sup>r</sup> Stevenson to forward them to our Agent M<sup>r</sup> Harrison at Martinique.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Norton & Beall.

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[B. Rumsey to Gov. Johnson.]

Original.

Phil. May 3. 1777

Sir

I take the Liberty to inclose to your Excellency a Letter written by Major Forrest to Col Rumsey on the Subject of the Officers Commissions.

Many of them have passed thro' this Town in their Way to Camp and are exceedingly uneasy at not having them, they continually wait on the Delegates agreeable to the Expectations hinted at in the inclosed Letter and are greatly disappointed and much dejected at marching up without Commissions as they say they will be used but as common men without them if they have the Misfortune to be taken by the Enemy.

Another Source of Discontent arises from the giving those Commissions Dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of April last to whom Commissions were before given by the Commissioners on the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1776 they say they have been in the publick Service from that Time and it is hard they should lose both their Rank and Pay

A like Complaint is made by such as were appointed by the Commissioners they think their Rank and Pay ought to be from the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1776 as the Want of Commissions was the only Reason they were not made out for them.

At their pressing Entreaty I have a Second Time wrote to your Excellency and if the Matter appears to you of the same