

Thursday 7th August 1777.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

The Council proceeded to the Choice of an Attorney General in the Room of Thomas Jenings Esquire who refused to Act & James Tilghman Esquire was elected & Commissioned.

Friday 8th August 1777

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Woolman Gibson one pound twelve shillings & six pence Am^t of Acc^t passed.

Cap^t Robert Conway. You will proceed in the Molly to the Havanna but before you dispose of any part of your Cargoe you must wait upon the Governor with the Letter you receive for him and endeavor to obtain his Permission to sell your Cargoe if you obtain it and you have an Opportunity, take in a small Load of Salt we would not have you overload her and lay out the rest of your Money in 150 lbs of Spanish Flies and the rest in Peruvian Bark advise with some Body who is Skilful as to the Quality and be carefull to get what is good, we imagine the Flies will cost less than 5/ or 6/ Sterling and the Bark under 5/ Sterl^s p l. perhaps much under but this is our expectation only and not a Limitation for these Articles if possible must be got if you should sell at the Havanna and cannot there procure the Flies and Bark you may perhaps be advised where you can, not very distant, which we would have you investing your Money in good Bills to save the risk if to be done.

If you are not permitted to sell we have hopes that the Governor of the Havannah will give you a Credit for 1 or 200 ls of Spanish Flies and 1000 lbs of Bark with some person who may have them for Sale if he does you'll purchase and take in these Articles, proceed to such place as you may be informed or judge best for the Sale of your Cargoe, remit Bills if possible to pay for the Bark and Flies, get if you can a Cargoe of Salt and remit the Balance if any, as we hope, to Harrison & Vanbibber. You must expend as little as possible on the Vessel whilst abroad. as you go armed you'll use your own Discretion altogether as to attacking any Enemy Vessel and if you should be so fortunate as to take a prize, send her, if the Chance is equally good for her getting into Port, to M^r Harrison at Martinique with Directions to transmit Accounts as soon as possible that the men may be paid here