

We hope your Excellency can immediately furnish the c. c. Militia with Arms and will acquaint us by the Return of the Express when we may expect them.

A little Fort is throwing up at this Place and We have got four four pounders and We hope to be able for a Tender if She comes but we have got but 13 Musketts if your Excellency can spare a few for this Place it will contribute more to our Safety We could arm 20 men more

Necessity and actual Invasion has compelled us to take up Arms without immediate Orders from Government but as it has the best of motives for its Excuse I hope it will meet with your Excellency's Approbation I am

24 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1777 your Excellencys most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Joppa Benjamin Rumsey

Monday 25 August 1777.

C. B.

P<sup>t</sup> as on Thursday

Commissions issued James Walker appointed Captain Horatio Johnson first Lieut<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>t</sup> Norwood second Lieut<sup>t</sup> and Elie Brown Ensign of a Company in the Twenty second Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Commission issued to Benjamin Hood appointed Ensign in Capt. Ellicots Comp<sup>y</sup> of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Campbell Eight pounds one Shilling and eight pence and thirty pounds, eight shillings and six pence Amount of Accounts passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Maw seven pounds ten Shillings Amo<sup>t</sup> of Account passed. That the said Treasurer pay to William Wilkins Three hundred pounds on Acc<sup>t</sup> of Fortifications at Annapolis

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Callahan one hundred and seventy three pounds six Shillings Amount of Acc<sup>t</sup>

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Campbell Two hundred pounds on Account

Permit granted to Roger Foxwell to go to Choptank on the Eastern shore

Adjourned to Baltimore.

[Council to Capt. Thomas.]

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Annapolis 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1777.

Sir.

I am of Opinion you may be personally serviceable on the Eastern Shore. I would therefore have you proceed and have