

- c. c. 700 Bushels belonging to this State, these 700 Bushels, about 300 at Snow Hill, about 200 at Annapolis and about 150 in the Neighbourhood of this Town, all belonging to this State, the Congress may have at a reasonable Price. Several People expect Salt in, daily and small Quantities of imported and Country made Salt are, every now and then, brought to this Place for Sale. Those who have and expect Salt, seem desirous of giving Congress the Preference and independent of all other Circumstances which would make it more desirable to purchase, the Congress may be supplied in that Way with a greater Quantity than in any other of this. The Council & I are so well satisfied that if the Treasury of this State could possibly bear it, we should immediately purchase 1500 or 2000 Bushels for the use of the Continent, but we have not the Money. If I might advise, it would be, to order the Comm^y to purchase what is immediately wanted here for Cash and, there can be little Doubt but, in a short Time, there will be a Plenty and at a lower Price. A few Days ago, I received a Letter from M^r Richardson in the purchasing Commissary's Department, at George Town; he had borrowed one hundred Bushels of Salt of M^r Hooe & had just been informed that a Quantity which he expected from Virginia had reached a Creek on Potowmack, from whence he might soon get it. I am well informed of large Quantities of Salt expected here, but a Seizure will certainly determine People to stop what they can and prove not only highly prejudicial to the Inhabitants of this State, but prevent Congress from being supplied at so cheap a Rate on the whole, with any large Quantity at the Places by much the most convenient for Carriage
- The President of Congress. I am Sir &^{ca}

c. B. Tuesday 20th January 1778.

Present as on yesterday. M^r Lee attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Wilson three hundred Pounds on Acc^t for Pork purchased of him.

Wednesday 21 January 1778.

Present as on yesterday. Dan^l Carroll Esquire attended.

Ordered that Major Fulford deliver to Captain Rogers one Barrel of Cannon and twenty pound Musket Powder.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Maccubbin seventy six pounds ten shillings amount of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col John Dorsey one hundred and seventy three pounds, nineteen shillings amount of Account passed.