C. B.                    Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieuten-
ant Edw<sup>d</sup> Gale twenty one pounds, ten shillings & eleven
pence his Expences going to George Town with Salt for the
Cont<sup>l</sup> Comm<sup>y</sup> to be charged to the Continent

C. C.                    [Council to Keeports.]
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                    In Council Annapolis 12<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778.
Sir.

By your Return of Sundries in the Magazine at Baltimore,
there appears to be 62 Soldier's Jackets on Hand.  You are
requested to pack them up immediately and, if there are any
Blankets, you will pack them up also and deliver them to M<sup>r</sup>
Calhoun who is now about sending Cloathing to the Army,
amongst which they may go.          By Order of Council
                                   F. J. Cl. Co.

M<sup>r</sup> George Keeports.

71                    [Council to S. Smith.]

                    In Council Annapolis 12<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1778.
Sir.

We wrote you yesterday, by M<sup>r</sup> Judah, and gave you
Reasons why we could not date M<sup>r</sup> James Smith's Commis-
sion as you requested.  Inclosed you have Copies of two
Resolutions of Congress, about filling up Commissions and
Rank.  It would seem as if there could be little Difficulty in
passing an Order that the Maryland Officers should rank
amongst themselves according to the Rank established by the
Assembly, except in two or three Instances, which were gen-
erally esteemed improper and which the Assembly would have
corrected, had the Gen<sup>t</sup> not been quite tired of the Subject.
We are sending some Cloaths from hence, your Blankets go
up with them.  The Boat is to call at Baltimore for what M<sup>r</sup>
Calhoun has; his Stockings added to what we have must be
divided.  We think your Cloaths had better go up in the
Boat and your Men too, it will save a great Deal of Fatigue,
to the Head of Elk.

We should gladly send you the Money you want, but it is
not in our Power, there's not £1000, we are sure, in the
Office.  Do press the Sheriff to request a few Gen<sup>t</sup> to pay in
Part of their Assessment, there is no other Fund.  We have
just received Advice that there are two Men of War in
Patowmack and that they have taken the State Ship Lydia.

Col<sup>o</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith.                    We are Sir &<sup>ca</sup>