

Friday 13th February 1778.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday

John Randall of the City of Annapolis is appointed Commissary to procure supplies and Distribute them to the Quota of Troops of the Army agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly passed the 13th December last.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Madley eleven pounds for coming Express from Col^o Barnes to the Gov^r and Council

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall one hundred pounds on Account he being appointed Commissary to procure Supplies and Distribute them to the Quota of Troops of the American Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Brashears Three pounds for Waggon hire per Account passed.

[Council to R. Barnes.]

C. C.

In Council Annapolis 13th Feb^y 1778.

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Sir

We received yours of the 10th last Night. Nothing is left in our Power, with Respect to Cap^t Fenwick, but to endeavour to get him and his People back again. We have got Prisoners enough taken in Merchant Vessels to exchange for the Lydia's Crew, but they are at a Distance from hence and it will be several Days before they can be sent down. If the Men of War are not already gone down, we request you to send a Flag on board and desire the Captain to send Fenwick and the Crew on Shore, for whom we will send a like Number of Prisoners of equal Rank, on board the Man of War and you are impowered to pledge our Faith for the Performance, or, if the Cap^t will not send them on Shore, to desire his Promise that they shall not be sent away 'til we have an Opportunity of sending a Flag, with Prisoners in Exchange. We do not know the Number or Rank of Fenwicks People on Board, if you can ascertain them, please to advise us. Cap^t David's Galley wants heaving down and several Things to be done to her, we wish her to come up as soon as she can with Safety. The Arms we sent we designed should be and thought were, effective: many of the Public Arms some of them since returned, were then out. It was out of our Power to then send you Arms of one sized Bore or fitted with Bayonets; we had a few with Bayonets but wanting Belts and Scabbards; those you have may be returned and we shall contrive you as many others, though it is next to impossible to get Scabbards and Belts at present. We have seen a Gen^t lately from Wil-