C. S. C. Original. Gent. [Thos. Johnson, Jr., to Council.]

Philadelphia 21st Jany 1777.

Charles Balsel, captain of a company in Jas. Johnson's Battalion, being an officer in the German Battalion, commissions are desired for John Martin Deer Capt. Abm. Miller 1st Lieut. Christian Lafever 2nd Lieut and Henry Woolhite Ensign. In James Ogle's company in the same Battalion commissions are wanted for Ignatius Elder as 2nd Lieut, and

Francis Elder Ensign.

I do not yet see any officer from our State to recruit, I obtained a general order against the enlistment of our militia, notwithstanding which several were enlisted, some of whom I have got back again, but I do not know how it will be when I get further. James Johnson's Battalion, part of Colo Beatty's and part of Col^o Bruce's have gone forward for Head Quarters. We are armed very slowly, it is out of my power to keep our people together, too many of them have been home. The Maryland Flying Camp arms and accoutrements are Delivered out to the Pennsylvania Militia and repairing I have received none as a part of ours. We have nothing of consequence that can be depended on. I am, Gent.

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland

Your most obed Serv Thos Johnson Jung

[Gerard Hopkins to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore 21st Jany 1777.

Yours of the 10th Inst. I received yesterday. The Ticklenberg which you mention of Messrs Vanbibber and Crockett having, was disposed of before I received orders to purchase it. The tents can be immediately made, provided the linnen can be got. I am, Gent, Your most humb! Serv!

The Honble The Council of Gerard Hopkins, sen R^d

Safety, Annapolis

C. S. J.

Wednesday, January 22. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mr John Bullen twenty five Pounds nineteen Shillings and seven Pence: Also the further Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver Captain

Paddison 50 Bushels of Salt for Col. Robert Harrison.

Copy of Letter No 121 was sent to William Hindman Esquire, Copy of No 122 to Col. Robert Harrison, and Copy