

can, not exceeding the Number formerly wrote for, we expect c. c. a good many from Frederick. You did right in not taking the imported moth eaten Stockings, it would have only been a Cheat on the poor Fellows, whose Lot they might have fallen to. Chestis has done very ill in inlisting such scattering Fellows, it was very contrary to the express Directions given to him; we had better be without any than have such Rascals to pay and maintain and, unless he will be more attentive to his Orders, he must desist from pretending to act under them; as Things are circumstanced, we would have these Chaps advertised 50 Dollars each, they ought to be punished. We will send you up Cloathing for the Few Men at Baltimore by the first good Opportunity. We approve the Appointment of Swan and desire him to continue 'til contrary Orders. We shall return the Flour to M^r Buchanan as well as any Thing else of the Kind he may lend you. It does not appear to us to be worth While to go into an Appointment of Officers, unless the Assembly should think proper to raise Companies, especially as a little Time will probably disclose the Necessity or Uselessness of Companies, nor indeed, do we know at present, where we could get proper Officers

We are &^{ca}

Capt Geo. P. Keeports.

Saturday 16th October 1779

C. B.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith Two thousand Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Thirty Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Welsh Eighteen Pounds Fifteen shillings Amount of Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the Continental Treasurer deliver over to Richard Dallam Fifteen thousand Pounds the Purchase of Flour for the American Army by Virtue of the Resolution of Congress of the 9th Instant

On the Application of Col^o Moses Rawlings by his Letter of the 12th Inst. Licence is granted to Henry Ackart according to the Act of Assembly in such Case late made and Provided to act and transact in Washington County as Assistant Commissary of Purchases under the said Moses Rawlings & by his Appointment