

C. B.

Saturday 9 May 1778

Present as on yesterday

Commissions issued to William Wilkinson appointed Capt. William Moran first Lieut, Edward Anderson second Lieut, Benjamin Ogdon Ens. belonging to the twelfth Battalion of Militia in Charles County also to George Dent of John Capt. John Grant first Lieut, Walter Pye second Lieut, Horatio Middleton Ens. George Dent Jun^r Capt. Francis Adams first Lieut Roger Fowke second Lieut, John Ashford Ens. Samuel Smallwood Captain Isaac S. Middleton first Lieut, Francis Acton second Lieut. Benj. Berry Ens. Burdit Hamelton first Lieut, John Bush second Lieut, Robert Doyne Semmes Ensign of Capt. William Winters Company belonging to the Twenty sixth Battalion of Militia in Charles County

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Col^o John Stewart nine hundred & sixty eight Pounds one shilling and three Pence due Gale Jackson & Stewart for Medicine per Acc^t passed by the A G.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Col. John Stewart, one hundred & fifty six Pounds two shillings & six Pence for the use of Henry Jackson & C^o p^r Acc^t passed by the A G.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Charles Wallace Esq^r Paymaster, five hundred & ten Pounds six, shillings & five Pence and also the further sum of forty Pounds for Store House rent per Acc^t passed by the A Gen^l

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[Clerk of Council to Washington.]

Annapolis May 9th 1778.

Sir.

Your Excellency's Letter was delivered to me in the Absence of the Governor and Council. In Answer to which, I am to observe, that no particular Provision has been made by our Assembly for recruiting the German Battalion, further than a general Licence to raise Men in the different Parts of this State. The Inconveniencies that had been experienced by inlisting the Inhabitants to serve in the Regiments of other States induced the Legislature, some Time since to prohibit the Practice under a heavy Penalty. The Resolve of Congress has occasioned a partial Repeal of this Prohibition, and accordingly the following Clause was inserted the last Session of Assembly in the Act to procure Troops for the American Army, by Virtue of which, Levies for this Battalion are now excepted. And be it enacted that it shall and may be lawful for the Officers or recruiting Sergeants of the German Battalion