C. C. to endeavour to get our Proportion up by Water. We shall p. 153 have two Gallies below and, if it would be agreeable, we would have the whole brought hither and divided by any Body sent or appointed for that Purpose.

We are Gent &ca

Mess^{rs} John Maxwell Nesbitt & Co. Merch^{ts} Lancaster.

C. B.

Saturday 16th May 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Thomas Sim Lee Esq. One hundred and eighty nine Pounds for his Attenda in Council

That the said Treasurer Pay to Joseph Dowson twelve Pounds seventeen shillings and six Pence per Acc¹ passed by the Aud. Gen¹

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Hyde ninty five Pounds five shillings due him per Acct passed by the A. Gen1

That the said Treasurer Pay to Isaac Jones twenty Pounds seventeen shillings and six Pence due p acc' passed by the A Gen¹

That the said Treasurer Pay to Silas Simpkins twenty Dollars Express from Old Town in Washington County

Ordered That Mr Crysal deliver to George Piercy one hhd

Whiskey for the Conqueror Galley

Commission issued to John Strawbridge appointed Sheriff

of Cecil County he having resigned in March last.

Commissions issued to Lemuel Barritt appointed Colonel, Andrew Bruce Lieut Col^o Joseph Inslow Ensign of Capt. Cresaps Company, David Swank Ensign of Capt. Clintons Comp^y also to James Prather Captain Thomas Humphreys first Lieut. Joseph Read second Lieut, Charles Prather Ens. Philip Pindell Capt. Thomas Hynes, first Lieut, Abraham Cox second Lieut and John Webb Ensign belonging to the Third or Western Battalion of Militia in Washington County

[Council to R. Beatty.]

Sir, The distressed and defenceless Situation of the back Inhabitants makes immediate Assistance necessary we are sending off 100 Musketts and 10 Riffles we do not know how the People are off for amunition but by the Express who says they have a good deal of Lead but are bare of Powder we