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utive of your State should fix on any other Places than now assigned by Congress for their reception, we request your Excellency to give us the earliest Information thereof with the necessary Communication respecting Supplies.

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Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Sands four pounds sail Twine, which Commodore Nicholson is to be accountable for Serj<sup>t</sup> John Neary of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> one Shirt, one waistcoat, one pair Overalls one p<sup>r</sup> Shoes Serjant Johnson of the same Regim<sup>t</sup> one pair of Shoes, and also to Capt. Benjamin Price of the 2<sup>d</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> two shirts in full of the Articles for the present year

That the wesern shore Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire three hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings of the new Em<sup>n</sup> on account of his Salary to the 8<sup>th</sup> February last

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen West Esq<sup>r</sup> one hundred and fifty pounds of the same Emission on Account of his Salary.

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Ordered that the Issuing Commissary procure and furnish Commodore Nicholson for the use of the Brig Nesbitt one doz Hams & Shoulders twenty pounds of butter twenty pounds of sugar two pounds of Tea six pounds of Coffee, one Case Gineva White biscuit, Cheese, Cider, Spirit, Onions, Peper, Mustard, Potatoes, Cabbage, Vinegar, Salt and Fresh meat.

Commission issued to Sam<sup>l</sup> Watkins appointed Capt in the room of Thomas Watkins Robert Pain Davis first Lieut Robert Smith second Lieut and Aaron Rawlings Ensign of the West River Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

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[Council to Major Meriken.]

We have so little Provision and the Conveyance of it to you so difficult that we think you had better [purchase them] in the Neighbourhood and issue to each Guard one Pound Salt or one pound and a Quarter fresh Meat and one Pound and a Quarter flour p Day you must procure the Provision on the best Terms you can

Ibid.

[Council to Donaldson Yeates, Esqr.]

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We have your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> by Express. The english Ships are now at Anchor off this place while they continue here it will be improper to send any Vessels down the Bay. We have a Chain of Riders that go through this State and sometimes to Wilmington and Philadelphia. As they will always call at Elk we request Attention may be paid to their Dispatches and that no Neglect be suffered to pass unnoticed; should you observe any Delay in any of them we desire that you will give us Notice and the Name of the Person.