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[W Paca in Council to Sergeant Suit.]

We apprehend the State Ship, building at M^r Stephen Stewards Yard, is in Danger from the Enemy's Barges. We therefore desire you will collect all the Men in Town, fit for this Service, and march them down to M^r Steward's, where you will do all in your Power to guard the Ship. M^r Steward will supply the Party with Provisions. M^r Shaw will supply you with good Arms and Accoutrements for the Men, as well as Ammunition

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Wednesday 12th February 1783.

Present as on Yesterday.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Clement Cannon Twenty one pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Accounts passed.—

That M^r Shaw deliver to M^r Wasteneys twelve Muskets, two hundred Musket Cartridges, and twelve rounds 4^{lb} fixed Ammunition for which M^r Steward is to be accountable.—

The Council having agreed to furnish a party of men under the Command of Serjeant Suit ordered to West River to Guard the State Ship building at M^r Stewards, with some Articles of necessary Clothing—the Question was put, If the Intendant has not Blankets, shall be directed to buy them.—

Affirmative	Negative
John H. Stone } Esq ^{rs}	Gab ^l Duvall
James Brice }	Benj ^a Stoddert, acting as Presid ^t

So it was determined in the Affirmative.—

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[B. Stoddert Pres^{dt} in Council to M^r John Crisall]

This Board have ordered a Party of Men to West River, to defend the State Ship building by M^r Steward, and it will be necessary to furnish them with Provisions during their Continuance there; we therefore request you to send ten Barrels of Pork and 12 of Flour by M^r Steward's Vessel now in the Dock, which will go down tomorrow.

Ibid. [B. Stoddert Pres^{dt} in Council to M^r Stephen Steward]

We have yours by M^r Wasteneys—As to the Head for the Ship, we cannot agree to any additional Expence. As to the Spar Deck, you must go on with it, agreeable to the former Determination. We have sent Sergeant Suit with 12 Men, to guard the Ship, and we have also sent to your Care, for which you are to be accountable, twelve spare Muskets, 200 Musquet Cartridges, and twelve Rounds of 4^{lbs} fixed Ammunition. We would recommend to you, to fix some Signal with your Neighbours, to come to your Assistance in Case of Danger.