

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1777

Present as on yesterday

The Council proceeded to the choice of an Attorney General in the Room of Thomas Jennings Esquire who refused to act & James Dilghman Esquire was elected & Commissioned

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1777

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Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Woodman - Gibson one pound twelve shillings & six pence Am<sup>ts</sup> of Acc<sup>t</sup> passed

Capt<sup>?</sup> Robert Conway, You will proceed in the Molly to the Havanna but before you dispose of any part of your Lard you must wait upon the Governour with the Letter you receive for him and endeavor to obtain his Permission to sell your Lard if you obtain it and you have an Opportunity, take in a small Load of Salt we would not have you overload here and lay out the rest of your Money in 150 lbs of Spanish Pills and the rest in Peruvian Bark advise with some Body who is Skillful as to the Quality and be carefull to get what is good, we imagine the Pills will cost less than 5/ or 6/ Sterling and the Bark under 5/ Sterlg <sup>per lb</sup> perhaps much under but this is our expectation only and not a Limitation for these Articles if possible must be got. if you should sell at the Havanna and cannot there procure the Pills and Bark you may perhaps be advised where you can, not very distant, which we would have you investing your Money in good Bills to save the risk if to be done

If you are not permitted to sell we have hopes that the Governour of the Havannah will give you a Credit for 1 or 200 lbs of Spanish Pills and 1000 lbs of Bark with some person who may have them for Sale if he does you'd purchase and take in these Articles, proceed to such place as you may be informed or judge best for the Sale of your Lard, remit Bills if possible to pay for the Bark and Pills, get if you can a Lard of Salt and remit the Balance if any, as we hope, to Starison & Vanbibber - You must expend as little as possible on the Vessel whilst abroad. as you go Armed you'd use

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