

Saturday July the 29. 1803

Present as on Yesterday

Monday August the 1. 1803

His Excellency the Governor appeared in the Council Room.

Ordered by the Governor, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Colonel John H. Stone, the sum of forty two pounds three Shillings and nine pence, for one quarters half pay, due this day.

Ordered by the Governor, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Colonel Ulrich Forest, thirty three pounds fifteen Shillings, for one quarters half pay, due as above.

Ordered by the Governor, that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Mr. Joseph Dawson, seven pounds ten Shillings for half years half pay, due as above.

John F. Mercer

Friday August the 5. 1803

The Council met. Present His Excellency the Governor and The Honble Francis Bigger, Allen B. Buckett, and Beverly Crisler.

By His Excellency John F. Mercer Governor of the State of Maryland  
A Proclamation

Whereas it appeareth unto me by an Inquest taken in Hunt County before Joseph Hyson, Coquer, one of the Coronors of the said County that an atrocious Murder hath been committed on the person of Robert Ashtly late of Hunt County by a certain Ephraim Armstrong, also of said County, who hath since absconded and fled from Justice - and Whereas it is the duty of the Executive to guard as much as may be against the commission of such enormities and to bring such offenders against the laws and Peace of Society to Justice, I have therefore thought proper to issue this my Proclamation, and do by and with the advice and consent of the Council offer a Reward of two hundred dollars to any person or persons who shall who shall apprehend and secure the said Ephraim Armstrong, in any Jail, in the United States so that he be brought to Justice. Given in Council, at the City of Annapolis, under the Seal of the State of Maryland, this fifth day of August in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and three.

By His Excellency's Command

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