

advance money for his Crews.

Commissions issued to Thomas Tillard Esq. first Major, and to Joseph Galloway Esq. second Major of the South River Battalion of Militia in Anne Arundel County; and to Mr. Pollard Edmonson Junr. appointed third Lieutenant of the fourth independent Company of Regular Forces, in the room of Mr. William Goldborough who resigned.

The following agreement was made with Captain John Pitt.

Whereas the Honorable the late Convention of the Province of Maryland, Resolved, that two Pilot Boats be immediately employ'd and Stationed to gain and Communicate intelligence of any attempt that might be made by the Men-of-War, to come into this Province. I do hereby agree with the Honorable Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Charles Carroll (Barister) John Hall and James Tilghman Esq. (of the Council of Safety for this Province) to furnish one Pilot Boat for the above purpose at the rate of twenty five Shillings per day, and immediately to sail with my said Boat for the purpose of gaining intelligence agreeable to said Resolution; and that I will from time to time use my best endeavours, to gain such Intelligence, and as occasion may require, Communicate the same to the Council of Safety.

J. Pitt.

Instructions were given accordingly to Captain Pitt.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock, and met according to adjournment.

The following Advertisement was ordered to be published in the Maryland Gazette.

All Merchants and other persons who are desirous of undertaking to import and furnish this Province with a quantity of Salt sufficient for the use of the Inhabitants thereof may be acquainted with the Terms offered by the Conventional Congress under which they may do the same, by attending the Council of Safety on the fifth day of February next at the City of Annapolis.

Mr. J. Middleton agreed to furnish a Boat for the like purposes and on the same Terms as Captain Pitt, and received his instructions accordingly.

Ordered, That Captain William Hyde furnish the Council of Safety with an account of the Province Arms and Accoutrements delivered him last Spring; - of the Condition of the same, and in whose hands they are; and that he do not permit the same or any of them to be removed or carried away from the City of Annapolis.

A Copy of the Letter (N^o 3) relative to placing Obstructions in the Channel of the River was sent to Mr. Stephen Steward. and a Copy of the Letter (N^o 4) to Mr. William Roberts.

Council adjourns till Tomorrow Morning 9² after 9 o'clock.

Tuesday 23^d January 1776.

Council Met. Present the same Members as Yesterday.

Ordered, That one Barrel of Gunpowder and 400 pounds weight of