

By the Council of Safety.

All persons who are desirous to Contract for supplying the Troops raised in this Province with the Rations allowed by the late Convention are requested to attend the Council of Safety at the City of Annapolis on the 15 Day of February next and deliver in their proposals which will be duly attended to. & Ration as settled by the Convention to consist of

Ordered, That 100 Hand Bills of the same be immediately printed.

Mr Purviance attended the Council and reported that according to the Requisition of yesterday the Committee had appointed persons for the purposes therein mentioned.

Instructions and Sailing Orders were given to Capt. John Martin of the Brig Friendship.

Mr William Luce was requested to purchase up for the use of the Troops in this Province, all the Course cloths in Baltimore Town; also blankets and plush for breeches, and make report of the quantity and price to the Council of Safety with all convenient speed.

Mr Luce delivers to the Council the following Propositions.

The Pilot Boat Chatham is bound for Hatteras with money to purchase goods to the amount of £3000, or more to the Consignment of Mr. Thomas Russell who goes out in her. The Boat is valued at £500. and each Shipper is to pay in proportion to the Amount of his Property, in Case she is lost. Mr. Russell will take one hundred barrels light flour on account of the Province at 6/- per barrel and they to pay their proportion of the value of the Barrel in Case of Loss.

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which was read and agreed to.

Instructions were accordingly given to Captain Thomas Russell.

Mr. George Matthews Cannon founder in the Neighbourhood of Baltimore Town, being requested to attend the Council of Safety, and give what information he could with regards to Casting of Cannon and the Cannon now in that place, informed that there were two 12 pounders, five 9 pounders, 6 five pounders, eight 3 pounders, and two fired pieces, 3 pounders which in his Judgment and Opinion might be of some Service, but not to be depended upon till they were bored again that they had been unused along time and were sealy within side of the Guns. That there were 7 or 8 of the Annapolis Guns left by Capt. Stone, 4 pounders all good except one which had lost a Trunnion, might be made serviceable by having Trunnions fixed on the outside with an Iron Hoop.

Mr. Matthews was also asked on what terms he would Contract for founding Cannon, thereupon expressed his Opinion that in his