

Baltimore Town 2^d Feby 1776.

Gent.

Inclosed you have a copy of a Resolve of Congress, for Collecting Gold and Silver in this Province, as also a Resolve by the Council of Safety for your Appointment to Collect the same in _____ County.

You are to inform the Council of Safety what sum you have been able to collect with all convenient speed that they may transmit the gross amount of the whole to the Congress. We take it for granted, that Continental Money will be ordered us in exchange. In the mean time by way of forwarding the Business you may have provincial Money from our Treasurer for any sum in gold or silver you may lodge with him.

The Council went to Whetstone point to inform themselves of the situation thereof, and Consider of the practicability of fortifying the same.

Council adjourned till tomorrow Morning 10 o'clock.

Saturday 3^d Feby 1776.

Council Met. Present the same Members as yesterday.

Resolved that the Gentlemen of the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County who reside in Baltimore Town, or any three of them, be and they are hereby requested, to examine the Cannon lying at Fallpoint and elsewhere in and near Baltimore Town and Cause such of them as may be found fit for service, not intended for the Ship Defence, to be lodged in some Place of security mounted on proper Carriages as soon as they conveniently can, and make Report of the State of the Cannon and the Expence of the Carriages to the Council of Safety.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Resolution of Congress relative to Mount Juge be immediately transmitted to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Capt. Nathaniel Smith one hundred pounds for Subsist Money for his Recruits.

Whereas Samuel Purviance Junr. John Moale, Jeremiah Conroy Chase, James Calhoun, Andrew Buchanan, Thomas Harrison, Benjamin Griffith, Isaac Guest, John Smith, John Boyd, William Asquith and William Buchanan, acting Members of the Committee of Observation of Baltimore County residing in and near Baltimore Town have delivered into the Council of Safety Proposals for fortifying the Town of Baltimore and placing obstructions in the Channel of the River to prevent the approach of Armies of War to the said Town agreeable to the Resolve of the late Convention and have offered to undertake the business and complete the same with all convenient speed for the sum of five thousand two hundred pounds, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and are willing to give Bond with condition for the due performance of their agreement; therefore -