

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurers pay to Captain John Martin one hundred and forty seven pounds five Shillings.

That the said Treasurers pay to John Bullen one hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurers pay to Benish (Maybury) one hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurers pay to Nathaniel Finchcomb twenty Shillings.

M<sup>r</sup>. Jenifer attended.

Letter of Marque and Reprisal was granted to Capt. John Martin of the Brig Friendship.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurers pay to Brigadier General Smallwood three hundred pounds.

That the said Treasurers pay to Edward Simmons, three pounds, ten Shillings for a musquet.

Adjourned till Monday Morning 10 O'clock

Monday, December 23. 1776.

Met according to adjournment. Present as on Saturday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurers pay to Isaac M<sup>r</sup>. Gards one thousand Pounds on account.

M<sup>r</sup>. Enoch Fenwick Sen<sup>r</sup> was appointed Inspector @ Cold Warehouse on St. Cuthberts Creek, St. Mary's County.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup>. 67 was sent to Col. Abraham Barnes, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup>. 68 to M<sup>r</sup>. Jesse Hollingsworth.

Ordered that the Boards of Accounts be as expeditious as possible in making out the account of this State against the United States.

Ordered that Lieutenant Thomas Todd be empowered to contract on account of this State for the making 3000 Mens Hats for the Soldiers (not to exceed Eleven Shillings and three pence each.

Whereas we have received Information that on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of this instant December in the Evening, Cards were delivered to sundry Persons in the City of Annapolis to the following effect; "You are hereby ordered to depart this City to morrow 9 O'clock - signed J. Weems in Behalf of Ann Arundel County." which Cards we are informed were delivered by Stephen Stewards junior; the Council of Safety having taken the same into Consideration, are of opinion that such Cards are contrary to the Resolves of Congress and Convention, and against the 21<sup>st</sup> Section of the Declaration of Rights, which asserts: "That no Freeman ought to be taken or imprisoned, or deprived of his Freehold, Liberties or Privileges, or outlawed, or exiled, or in any Manner destroyed, or deprived of his life, Liberty or property, but by the Judgment of his Peers, or by the Law of the Land."

Ordered therefore that the said John Weems and Stephen Stewards junior, attend the Council of Safety on the thirtieth Day of December, to shew by what Authority the said Cards were so made out and delivered.

Ordered that separate Copies be made out and served on the said John Weems and Stephen Stewards junior, and that M<sup>r</sup>. Allen Luzum be and