

Wednesday, January 15. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to Peter Beall appointed Captain, Jacob Ott. First Lieutenant, Michael Ott. Second Lieutenant, and William Bond Ensign of a Company of Militia in Washington County.

Also to Leonard Shyocke Second Lieut. and Michael Turner, Ensign of a Company in said County.

Also to James Smith First Lieutenant of Captain William Brown Company of Martroses.

Copy of Letter No. 106, was sent to Col. Hull, and copy of No. 107 to Planner Williams.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurers pay to Mr. Sands (of John) three Pounds five Shillings.

That the said Treasurers pay to Oliver Whiddon four Pounds ten Shillings.

Whereas the odious Practice of forestalling and Ingrossing is more particularly at this Time prejudicial to the State by enhancing the Price of Provisions, so that neither the Army, on which the State of America depends, nor Individuals, can be supplied on reasonable Terms, and the Honorable Congress having recommended to the Executive Powers of this and the Neighboring States to limit the price of Provisions, It is therefore earnestly recommended to all Committees of Observation, and other well disposed persons, Inhabitants of this State, to enquire after and take notice of such as are guilty of the offences aforesaid, and return their names, together with the names of the Witnesses who can prove the Charge, to the Council of Safety, or to the Justices of the several County Courts, that such delinquents may be proceeded against according to Law.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

Thursday, January 16. 1777.

Council met. Present as on Yesterday.

Copy of Letter No. 108 was sent to Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth.

Copy of No. 109 to Mr. Gerard Hopkins.

and Copy of - No. 110 to Thomas Smyth Esquire.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurers pay to Henry Both one Hundred and forty two Pounds twelve Shillings and six pence.

That the said Treasurers pay to Mr. Alexander Water four Pounds.

That the said Treasurers pay to Capt. John Kettle twenty Pounds.

That the said Treasurers pay to James Claypole one hundred and ninety Pounds.

That the said Treasurers pay to the honorable Matthew Silghman Esquire three Pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence.

That the said Treasurers pay to Mr. Sands three Pounds fifteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurers pay to Samuel Fisher thirty one Shilling and nine Pence.

That the said Treasurers pay to Joseph Middleton two hundred and fifty Pounds.