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[Barrister Carroll to Council.]

Gentⁿ The inclosed was sent to my House at Annapolis and by my Clerk sent me up here. M^r Hughes by what he has heard supposes there may be 20 Nine Pounders cast by this time, tho he has not since we saw him at Balt^o Town received any letters from his Brother. there will be he tells me 1080 w^t of Powder wanting to try them all, 180 w^t for the 20 Nine Pounders, and 900 for the 50 Eighteen Pounders at the weight of the ball in Powder for each Gun. this I suppose must be ordered from Frederick Town, however you will consider whether it may be necessary to send the powder for the Eighteen Pounders till all or some of them at least be cast. You will observe what he says about the kinds of Powder. I suppose that sent from Annap^s to Frederick was proper for Cannon, if not I do not know that we have any, the only method then we can fall upon must be to diminish the quantity in proportion to the strength, this I collected from him was what he desired. I really do not know any person of experience & knowledge that we could appoint to attend the proving of them and trying of their Bores to find whether they were clear of material flaws. Major Price if he be with you, perhaps may be able to inform you of one. M^r Hughes mentioned M^r Steel & M^r Baird, if they understand it and will be pleased to undertake it I am sure I shall not have the least objection to them. M^r Cummings waits on you with his bond he has made some alterations if you agree to them I shall have no objection.

I am Gent^t y^r most obedient Hble Serv^t
Mount Clare Feb^y 22^d 1776. Charles Carroll

C. S. J.

Friday 23^d February 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday except M^r Jenifer, who was desired by the Council to attend M^r Johnson on public Business at Baltimore Town. M^r Hall attended.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M^r Elie Vallette nine pounds six shillings, being the Expence of removing the Records of the Commissary's Office.

Mess^{rs} John Shaw and Archibald Chisholm agreed with the Council of Safety to stock the Gun Barrels made by M^r Isaac Harris for the use of this Province at the price the same are done in Philadelphia.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore deliver to Mess^{rs} John Shaw & Archibald Chisholm 50 of the Gun Barrels left with him by M^r Isaac Harris to be stocked by said Shaw & Chisholm, and take their Receipt for the same.