

any use about our Troops we have sold the Holland Duck at 8. 10. & the Russia at 7. 10 a p^s the sale was to the Congress for the use of the Frigates and to the Virginians for their armed vessels. Immediately on T. J^s coming to phil^a he & R. A. mentioned the Defence to the Marine Committee either to sell or have insured they seemed not very fond of taking her off our hands before the matter was totally given up Cap^t Squires Expedition was defeated T. J. confirms our Opinion that if any Depredations should take place after we had parted from the vessell it would be imputed to the sale of her and there's no Idea of the Congress taking her off our Hands but on subjecting her to the uncontrolled orders of the Congress we have therefore thought it best to let this Matter rest till the Convention. R. A. has rece^d of the Congress 8250^l to exchange for Gold, of which on S. C^s order he let him have 105. The rest M^r Buchanan carries down the Change for the money T. J. bro^t up & for Maj^r Jenifers ½ Joes is put up seperately. Would it not be well that some p^{son} in Balt. Town should be specially appointed to take Charge & keep account of all things sent there for the public use. We congratulate you on the Evacuation of Boston we have not yet rece^d any account of the Course the Forces went some think they are destined for N. York others for the Southward but most for Hallifax.

We are Gen^t

With the greatest Respect Your most obed^t Serv^t

R. Alexander.

Th. Johnson.

The inclosed letter for M^r Calvert, We believe is from M^{rs} Custis.

[Plater to Council.]

C. S. C.

Gentlemen. I have the honor of yours of 19th Inst. communicating your appointment of me with Brigadier John Dent, to cooperate with the Commissioners of Virginia in erecting Beacons on the shores of Potomac River. It will give me the highest pleasure to be in any manner serviceable to my country, & I only lament that my abilities are not equal to my inclination. But upon this (and I hope on every) occasion, be assured they shall be exerted, & that I am, Gentlemen

Sotterley Hall

Y^r most obed^t Hble Serv^t

March 26th 1776.

Geo. Plater.

Wednesday 27 March 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to