

c. s. c. Col^o Ware about the tents but will Do it as soon as I possibly can.

I am with respect Gentⁿ y^r most obed^t Hble Serv^t
 Mount Clare May 2^d 1776. Cha^s Carroll
 To the Council of Safety.

Original.

[Baxter to Council.]

Baltimore Town May 2^d 1776.

Gentlemen: Permit me to take this opportunity of acknowledging the greatful sence I entertain of the Honour done me by the late Provincial Convention held for this Province, which honourable Body you now represent, in appointing me a Lieutenant in the fourth Company of the Regulars raised for the Defence of this Province. An opportunity now offers, by embracing of which I am fully convinced I can equally serve the American Cause, and peradventure reap considerable private Advantage, and inasmuch as I am well assured that Numbers of Gentlemen with superior Abilities, and I hope with equal Zeal and Attachment will gladly accept of my Birth, I therefore humbly beg leave to resign my Commission, which I here send you inclosed, most ardently wishing that America in general and this Province in particular may ever be successful in their struggles for the glorious cause of Liberty: I am Gentlemen with the greatest respect, Your very humble Servant,

Jo. Baxter:

c. s. J.

Friday 3^d May 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N^o 142 was sent to Lieutenant Col. Francis Ware, Copy of N^o 143 to Col. Joseph Sim of Prince George's County, Copy of N^o 144, to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County, Copy of N^o 145 to Col. Zadok Magruder, Lower District of Frederick County, and Copy of N^o 146 to M^r George Woolsey of Baltimore Town.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay to Charles Wallace Esquire Paymaster One thousand Pounds Currency.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Benjamin Rumsey Esquire forty two Pounds for 60 Days Attendance as a Member of the Council.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to M^r Edward Timmins seven Pounds five Shillings and five Pence for 32 Steel Ramrods.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.