

C. S. J. Ordered that, in Case Col. Joshua Beall has not already sent the Musquets made by John Yost for the use of this Province, to Captains Rezin Beall and John Allen Thomas Captain Barton Lucas be requested to send the same in a Waggon to be procured for that Purpose.

Adjourned till next Day 10 Clock.

[Council to Worcester Committee.]

C. S. C.
No. 27.

To the Committee of Observation for Worcester County.
Gentⁿ

M^r Wallace and sundry other Gentlemen in Company are about to set up and carry on a salt-work on the seaboard in your County; it is in our opinion a matter of so much consequence to the public, as to merit any possible encouragement, and therefore request you to forward it, by giving the gentlemen engaged therein your friendly assistance.

19th June 1776

[Council to E. Johnson.]

No. 28.

To Doct^r Edw^d Johnson of Calvert Co^{ty}

Sir. We received yours of the 14th informing us of the Discovery of a Clift or Bank on the river Patuxent strongly impregnated with common salt, and are in great hopes that on a further inspection it may prove adequate to our utmost wishes,—but as experiment only can ascertain the Quantity of the earth of that quality you will greatly oblige us if you would make the proper Tryals, how far and to what depth it may probably be traced. If it's extent should be considerable, it will be a discovery of the greatest importance to the public, and we therefore wish you would immediately communicate to us the success of y^r enquiry, and we will most cheerfully reimburse you all expences you may be at in making the experiment.

We are pleased with the progress you advise us you are making in the manufactory of Salt Petre, and are in hopes that by a skilful management and proper attention of the several managers in this province, the demands for that useful article may be sufficiently supplied in a short Time. We wish you full success.

20th June 1776