

[R. Cummins to Council.]

Original.

Monckton Mills 2 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1776.

Gentlemen.

As our contract for supplying the troops with provisions will soon be out and M<sup>r</sup> Buchanan declines any thing further In that way if a further contract to be made (tho the latter unsuccessful to us) I wold be glad to have an offer of it as the season for puting up Provisions for the summer is at hand and our people whome we have had out to purchase the needfull supply is returnd after engageing the chief part of what we shall want or what you will allow for Barreld Beef or Pork should I find it answer to put up any more then will serve the present contract. As there will be some salt wanted for the Troops The Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Council will please to let me Have an order for the Preference in the purchase of one Hund<sup>d</sup> Bushels paying the current price as I cold not get any of the last came to Baltimore without it. The messenger with this will wait your answer.

I am Gen<sup>t</sup> your most obed<sup>t</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Robert Cummins.

Tuesday December 3, 1776

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas attended.

Col. Henry Hollingsworth returned to the Council an Order on the Eastern Shore Treasury for three hundred Pounds, Dated the nineteenth of August last. Ordered That the same be destroyed : Which was done.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to M<sup>r</sup> William Wilkins three hundred Pounds on Account of the Fortifications at and near the City of Annapolis

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Harman sixteen Pounds eight Shillings.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to William Woolen nine Pounds.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 35 was sent to Capt. Joseph Daffin, Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 36 to the Committee of Observation for Frederick County, Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 37 to Brigadier General Hooper, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 38 to Thomas Smyth Esquire.

Commissions issued to Charles Calson appointed Captain, George Richardson, 1 Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Edward Grimes 2 Lieutenant, and Peter Williams Ensign.

Also to Griffin Johnson appointed Captain, Cornelius Willison, 1 Lieutenant, Andrew Dew 2 Lieutenant, and William Moore Ensign of Companies of Militia in Washington County.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to