

appointed over them, has determined me to resign that Commission with which I was honored by the Convention and wish he that succeeds me may give general Satisfaction. I am with the greatest Respect,

S^r Your obedient humble Serv^t
Jas. Lloyd Chamberlaine.

Friday, December 27. 1776.

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Tuesday except M^r Jenifer.

Ordered that the Western Shore treasurer pay to the Trustees of the Church to be erected in the City of Annapolis, One hundred and five Pounds eighteen Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Ridge twelve Pounds fifteen Shillings and Eleven Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Garwood seven Pounds ten Shillings,

That the said Treasurer pay to George Fox for the use of Amos Taylor seventy nine Pounds and ten Pence.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver Capt. Samuel Godman Cloth for 86 Suits; 86 Pair of Shoes, 516 Ells Oznaburgs and Cotton for 86 Blankets.

Copy of Letter N^o 71 was sent to Benjamin Harrison Esq^r of Congress.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to B. Harrison.]

C. S. C.
No. 71.

Sir.

Benj^a Harrison Esq^r (of Congress)

We are greatly embarrassed by your request to part with Captⁿ Martin's vessel, she was purchased by our Agent in the West Indies, and is now claimed by Captⁿ Stone who hath replevy'd her, and we have undertaken to indemnify the Sheriff.—if we part with her, the State must be indemnified.

Should you want a fast sailing vessel there is a Brig now at Baltimore taken by the Ship Defence which we ordered our Agent to buy for this State.—that vessel you may have, if she will suit Congress, we are unwilling to part with Martin's vessel, she being now loaden, and we expect her cargo of coarse woollens &^c is ready at Martinique, or Eustatia.—However if the Honble Congress cannot supply themselves otherwise, we must let them have the Brig, and Cargoe upon the Terms they request, with this Addition, that the State ought to be indemnified.—We shall keep Martin a day or two 'till we hear from you again

Dec^r 26th 1776