

At a meeting of the Council of the State of Maryland, at Lib. C. B.  
the City of Annapolis, on Thursday the twentieth Day of  
March, in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred  
and seventy seven

Were present

His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire Governor

and

The Honble Josiah Polk

John Rogers & } Esquires, Councillors  
Edw<sup>d</sup> Lloyd }

They having been first duly qualified in the Senate Room  
in Presence of both Houses of the General Assembly

March 22<sup>d</sup> 1777.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Stephen  
Steward two thousand pounds, on Account.

Ordered, That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Samuel  
Godman one hundred pounds, on Account.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore Town  
deliver to Capt<sup>n</sup> Godman twenty five Musquets, Bayonets,  
Slings, Priming Wires and Brushes, and seventy two Knap  
with Havresacks.

[Council to Robt. Smith.]

Lib. C. C.

Sir.

In Council March 22<sup>d</sup> 1777.

It being necessary for conducting the Public Business, that  
the Governor and Council should be possessed of the Great  
Seal of Maryland which, they are informed, is in your Hands;  
you are requested to deliver it, together with the Vice, to M<sup>r</sup>  
Ridgely, who waits upon you for that Purpose.

We are Sir &c.

To M<sup>r</sup> Robert Smith.

[Daniel Roberdeau to Gov. Johnson.]

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To Governor Johnson

Your Excellency's zeal and activity in the cause of these  
United States gives us confidence in addressing you upon a  
critical Emergency.