

[Council to Dashiell.]

C. C.

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In Council 8th Jan^y 1778.

Sir

We have appointed Mess^{rs} John Posley, John Richardson & William Wise to purchase and collect Beef Cattle in your County, for the Use of the Army, with a Power, if the Owners refuse to sell, to seize such on the Sea-Board as may be in Danger of being taken away by the Enemy. We hope there will be no Occasion for the Exertion of this Power, in the Extent of it, but if there should, it will rather prove the Necessity of it, for the Cattle can be desired to be kept in Places where they are subject to be taken by the Enemy, only from a Motive that the Enemy should be supplied with them. If the Gen^l appointed to collect the Cattle should be opposed by Force and apply to you for Assistance, we request you to call on the Militia of your County and afford them the necessary Support, to carry the Order which, with their Instructions, they will communicate to you, into Execution.

Col^o Joseph Dashiell

We are Sir &^{ca}

Friday 9th January 1778.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Dunbar eight Pounds, seventeen shillings per Account passed.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to George Dashiell Two thousand pounds one thousand pounds whereof to be delivered to William Winder jun^r Ephraim Stevens and Levin Woolford of Somerset County and the remaining one thousand pounds thereof to be delivered over to John Postley, John Richardson and William Wise of Worcester County to be laid out in Beef for the use of the Continental Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Dashiell one thousand two hundred pounds, eight Shillings and two pence for Blankets & Expences occasioned by the Insurgents per Bal^a of Acco^t passed by the B^d

That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Maj^r Fulford ninety nine pounds ten shillings for the use of Cumberland Dugan due him on his Bills for Bread furnished the Matrosses in Baltimore per order from William Judah to whom the money is to be charged.

Special Commission of Oyer & Terminer & Goal Delivery for the Eastern Shore according to the late Act of Assembly issued to Talbot County directed to John Goldsborough, John Bracco, Henry Barming, Joseph Bewley and Thomas Harrison of Talbot County.