

Monday 16th February 1778. C. B.

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col^o Stone ten pair of Shoes on Account of the first Regiment

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to M^r Harrison of Prince Georges County fifteen bushels of Salt for the Continental Army.

[Council to G. Christie.] C. C.

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Sir

M^r Wallace laid your Application for Leave to go into Philadelphia before this Board. Nobody has had a Pass into Philad^a from us, on any Occasion, nor do we think it proper that any of the Citizens of these States should be permitted to go in, to ask Favors of the Enemy. We have therefore refused to assist several People on the Eastern Shore to obtain Leave of Gen^l Washington to send into Philadelphia after their Negroes, and we hope those who have lost them will be indemnified, without going after them.

M^r Gabriel Christie } We are Sir &^{ca}
Harford County }

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Sir

There have been several Applications, besides yours, for Leave to go into Philadelphia after Negroes who have been taken away, but we have refused to give any Pass or recommend them to Gen^l Washington for that Purpose, from the strongest Conviction of the Impropriety of suffering the Citizens of these States soliciting Favors from the Enemy, nor is it at all likely the Negroes would be restored, but by Representations that those to whom they were given up, were friendly disposed towards our Enemies. There is British Property enough within this State to make full Amends for all the Negroes taken away and, we hope the Sufferers will be indemnified, without their going to Philadelphia

M^r Nathan Nicholson. We are &^{ca}

[Washington to Johnson.] Original.

Camp, Valley Forge Feb^{ry} 16th 1778.

Sir

I do myself the honor of transmitting you this inclosed Letter from a Committee of Congress now here. These Gen-