

W<sup>m</sup> Brashears, Capt.  
Charles Stevens 1 L<sup>t</sup>  
Rezin Brashears 2 L<sup>t</sup>  
Philip Turner Ens.

Basil Dorsey, Capt.  
Nathan Maniard, 1 L<sup>t</sup>  
Jacob Crouse 2 L<sup>t</sup> of  
said Battalion

C. S. J.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Governor Patrick Henry.]

C. S. C.  
No. 111.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1777

Sir. In pursuance of a request from Congress of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. we have employed several persons to purchase Beef & Pork to be salted for the Army. The current prices in this State before this resolution passed were from 45<sup>s</sup> to 50<sup>s</sup> for stall fed Beef & from 50<sup>s</sup> to 52/6 for Pork. These exorbitant prices were occasioned by different causes, to wit, scarcity, great quantities wanted for our armed vessels, the extravagant advance laid on goods by merchants, and by private persons speculating.

It is not in our power at this late season to lower these prices much, but have restricted our agents to give from 35<sup>s</sup> to 45<sup>s</sup> for beef, as in goodness, and to 50<sup>s</sup> for Pork, dollars at 7/6, and allow them 5 pr. ct. commission for purchasing and curing, the State being at the expence of labourers for that purpose. We shall be happy in cooperating with your Excellency in this as well as in every other resolution of Congress, in which our common interest is so firmly united

We are, &c.

Patrick Henry Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.]

No. 112.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1777

Sir. We received your two letters of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of this instant, and have sent you by Captain Cooke the sum of one thousand pounds currency. We sent up Captain Kelty yesterday with a letter about the ship. We intend loading the ship entirely with Tob<sup>o</sup>, and as we expect the price to be very high at Baltimore Town, and as we can purchase cheaper on Potomack, we propose to send the ship round to that river, where we hope to get her lading of long dull tobacco at 20<sup>s</sup> or 25<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> C<sup>t</sup>. We therefore request you would call on the marshall and present the inclosed order on him for the price of the ship being £4400, which he is to credit the State for out of the monies he has now in hand. We request also you would desire him to make out his account that we may see which way the balance is ; if any be due to him we will pay, if due to us we expect to receive.