

are secured from accidental fire. If possible, the cannisters c. c. should be japanned, or painted, to preserve them from rust; and all fixed with belts.

The board are of opinion that these cannisters are preferable to cartridge boxes, as they will infallibly secure the cartridges from rain, and their weight is so trifling as to be no burthen to the Soldier. And seeing leather is so scarce they will be a most excellent substitute for cartridge boxes.

I am Sir with great respect
Your most obedient Servant
Horatio Gates
President

His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esq^r

Monday 30th March 1778

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Present as on Saturday except T Sim Lee Esq^r

Benjamin Jackson a free Mulato of Montgomery County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificate given.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Col^o Stone two hundred & twenty six Dollars out of the Money received from Congress for the Recruiting Service to be charged to the first Regiment.

Tuesday 31st March 1778.

Present as on yesterday. M^r Lee Attended.

George Piercy of Saint Marys County, George Turnbull of Baltimore County Richard Goodwin, John Reynolds, Thomas Robinson son of Ch^s of Ann Arundel County John Cox, James Boyle, John Crapper, Thomas Howard, John Chevear of the Baltimore Galley and John Hanson of the Independence Galley took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificates given.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Edward Edgerly Adjutⁿ 3 Coats Waistcoats and Breeches 3 pair of Shoes, 3 pair of Stockings, 6 Shirts, 3 Hatts and two Blankets for three recruits and red Cloth sufficient for a Coat and Waistcoat with Trimings for himself to be charged to the second Regiment.

It appearing to this Board from the Evidence of John Cox, John Crapper and others given on Oath that John Green lately of the Baltimore Galley did at several Times and on Several Occasions on board the said Galley Damn the Con-