

C. C.

[Council to R. Davis.]

In Council Annapolis 22^d April 1778

Sir

On Complaint from Several Parts of the State, of the Price allowed for Provisions being too low, the Assembly has thought proper to pass a Law containing the inclosed Clause. It is impossible for us to ascertain the Prices, 'til Enquiry can be made into what is given by the Continental Purchasers; but this need occasion no Difficulty in the Execution of your Office, as you will be careful to keep an exact Account of the Provisions you collect and the estimated Weight of the live Cattle. The Addition may be easily made, according to what we may, on Enquiry, find to be just, and the People may be assured that we shall do what we can to place them on, and not beyond an Equality with those of our neighbouring States, who supply the Army with Provisions.

We are &^{ca}

M^r Richard Davis }
 Washington County }

C. B.

Thursday 23^d April 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Thomas Wilson Twenty three Pounds, thirteen shillings due to him per Acc^t passed

That the said Treasurer Pay to Robert Reith nine Pounds fourteen shillings and five Pence due him for 1 M^o & 5 Days Attend^a as Messenger to the Council at the rate of one hundred Pounds p Ann.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Richard Murrow one hundred & four Pounds seven shillings & six Pence due him p^r Acc^t passed A G.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Campbell 2 Coatees 2 Waistcoats, 2 pair Breeches 4 pair Stockings 2 pair Shoes & 4 Shirts.

To enable the Governor and Council to fulfil the just Intention of the Legislature to divide the Burthen of Carriage as equally as the nature of that Service will permit It is ordered that the Constables within this State make out & return to the Lieutenant of their Counties respectively as soon as may be a List of all Waggon and Carts within their Hundred to whom they belong and the Number of Horses or other Cattle usually worked therewith and also a List of all Boats and other Bay craft within their Hundred, And if it should happen