

desired the Ferryman to come on shore and he would pay him, which he did by serving the writ, so that the matter was concerted and with a design to prevent Maryland from having any Right to a Ferry over Patomac at all, but as to the Right we submit it to our Legislature to be determined at any future day yet when dispatch over Ferrys is at this time so very necessary for the Post and for Troops that may have occasion to pass as well as private Travellers we hope for immediate relief as to our Ferryman so far as it may be thought in the power of our Convention for it is notorious that unless he is Released our Passage over Potowmac either to the Southward or Northward will be very much obstructed, the Virginia Ferryman having no Boats, at least not a sufficient number for the purpose. We look upon this to be a matter of consequence and hope you will not neglect having done in it what you think right, at least so far as you have it in your power and we are very respectfully Sir

Your Most obed^t & H^{bl} Sev^t
Robert Peters
Tho Richardson

P. S. Since writeing the foregoing
the Ferryman has been admitted
to Bail & is Returnd
The Hon^{ble} Thomas Johnson

C. S. J.

Thursday, Oct^r 17th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to Nich^s Hale for use of Jn^o Robert Hollyday ninety one Pounds, ten shillings & six Pence for Am^t Acc^t

Ordered That said Treasurer pay to Tho^s Contee nine Pounds nineteen shillings & six Pence for Am^t Acc^t

Copy of Letter N^o 219 was sent to M^r Jacob Schley. N^o 220 to Vernon Hebb & Timothy Bowes. N^o 221 to George Wells

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay to John Barry for use of George Wells, four hundred Pounds, on Acc^t Row Gallies.

Adjourned 'till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C.

No. 219.

Sir.

[Council to Schley.]

We are in great want of the rifles which you were to furnish for the use of this State by the first day of August and desire you will immediately send them down to us.

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M^r Jacob Schley.