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His Ex^{ncy} being Informed that M^r Thomas Collier Nav^l Officer at the Port of W^m Stadt had Cleared the Elizabeth of Liverpool Edward Ratchdale Ma^r bound for England notwithstanding the Embargoe layd by the Government, advised that Whereas the said Shipp is still in the Bay that his Ex^{ncy} as Vice Admirall will be pleased to Command the said master to Appear before him before he p^rsumes to Depart this province and thereupon a Warrant was Issued to that purpose and M^r Tho: Collier being Called in was severely Reprimanded and Comanded to use his uttmost Dilligence to bring the said Master before his Ex^{ncy} & prevent his sayling.

The Board adjourned for two hours.

Post Merid. The Councill Sate present as before

His Ex^{ncy} is pleased to say that upon many Emergencys Especially upon the late misfortune of the Court house not being able to gett any number of the Councill together the Weather being so hard, he had often occasion to require the hon^{ble} Coll. Hamonds advice and assistance who upon all Occasion has bin very Ready to undergo the Fatigue of attending being for her Ma^{ty}s Service and good of the Country for which the Gent. of the Councill with his Ex^{ncy} Give Coll Hamond their hearty Thanks.

His Ex^{ncy} purposes to the Board that whereas It is now time of Warr and the province is but Indifferently provided with Ammunition the greatest part of the powder being old and decayed—there being a Considerable sume of money now in Banck for the purchasing thereof whether it would be proper to send for a Considerable Quantity of Armes and Aminision, and to what value, to which the Councill do say that for the present Service of the Country It will be necessary to send for 200 musquets of high Caliver Boare & 100 Carabines Snapphance & 100 Cuttlaces with Broad Deep Blades to thrust as well as Cutt with Seale Skinn Scabbards, 200 Catouch Boxes and belts 110 half Barrells of good powder of 56 C weight and 5000 weight of Lead one-halfe in Bulletts & the other in high Swann shott.

His Ex^{ncy} says that He observes the Country powder is daily decaying, but if there were a Double Store it might be sold for the full value or more at this tyme. Therefore proposes that when the Country is so well supplied that It may be in the power of the Comander in Chiefe of every County to sell and dispose thereof rendring an Account to his Ex^{ncy} the Governour and the Councill thereof.

Ordered that George Plater Esq^r her Ma^{ty}s Receiver of the district of patuxent observe his Ex^{ncys} Directions in Lodging