

Monday, January 6. 1777

C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Permit granted to Johan Anthony Contrire Master of the Sloop Desire, to proceed from the Port of Annapolis to the Island of S<sup>t</sup> Domingo.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Deams blue Knap and Bays sufficient for 86 mens Suits, 86 Pair of Shoes and 86 Shirts.

Ordered That the said Commissary reserve Cloth enough for the Matross Companies in the Service of this State.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 86 was sent to General Chamberlaine, Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 87 to Beman Eichelberger, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 88 to Jesse Hollingsworth.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Frederick Deams two hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to the Clerk thirty Pounds for Expresses.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Johnson for the use of Francis Burgess forty two Pounds.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Chamberlaine.]

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No. 86.

Sir.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1777.

We are much at loss how to proceed in the military line for want of proper information from the Commissioners, and are sorry that you are under such circumstances that it is not in your power to give us the satisfaction we require. Col Rumsey is engaged with the Militia under his command, M<sup>r</sup> Contee, we have heard, is ill, and Mr. Hanson, from the distance between us, we fear will not attend. These considerations we doubt not will weigh with and induce you to come over to give us what assistance you can, more especially when we inform you that the Council of Safety have chosen you a member of that Board, which being thin, your attendance is the more necessary. We are very certain that the want of salt creates much uneasiness, every day proves more and more the melancholy truth; therefore it is undoubtedly incumbent upon every person having more of that article than will answer his immediate wants, to spare to those who are distressed. We know of no vessel lately arrived with a quantity of salt belonging to the public, but if there had, you must be sensible that and much more would be required by us to comply with the order of the late Convention. We have certain advice that seven thousand Bushels of salt have been imported into Baltimore in the course of last week, it would therefore be well for some who can do it, to send a vessel or