

Copy of Letter of 60 was sent to the Deputies of the Council in Congress.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to 5th of Jan
Esmeire two hundred pounds Currency for Medicine.

Ordered, That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Stone Esq one
hundred and fifty pounds to defray the Expenses of his Deputation to the Congress
adjourned till next day 9 o'clock

Saturday 16 March 1780.

Council Met. Present as yesterday - except Mr. Gentry.

Commissions issued to David Bourne Esq. & Samuel Smith Esq. & Thomas
Hoye Esq. of a Company of Militia in Kent County.

Also to William Ringgold appointed Captain David Cook Esq. & James Stinson
2^d Lt. and Thomas Bailey Esq. of a Company of Militia in Kent County.

Commissions issued to John Coster appointed Captain John Fisher Esq. & Andrew
Sylvester 2^d Lt. and Henry Pratt Jun^r Esq. of a Company of Militia in Kent County.

Commissions issued to James Boardley appointed Captain John Smith Esq. &
James Earle 2^d Lt. and Nathan Brown Esq. of a Company of Militia in Kent County.

Also to Nathaniel Wright appointed Captain George Hanion Esq. & Thomas Emory
2^d Lt. and Peter Rutch Esq. of a Company of Militia in Kent County.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to John Smith five
pounds Currency for 2 1/2 Days Waggon Hire.

Ordered, That said Treasurer pay to Lieutenant John Howard two hundred
pounds Currency on account of Capt. Thomas's Company.

The Thanks of the Council were sent to the several Brigadier Generals
respectively (vid. N. 61)

Resolved, That as the Exigencies may sometimes require that the
Militia should be called into service before it can be convenient for the
Brigadier General of the Upper District of the Eastern Shore to receive certain
Orders from the Council of Safety, and as no field officers have been appointed
to the Command of the General Battalions of Militia in Kent County, it is
recommended that the Committee of Observation for said County until
field-officers be appointed for the same, direct and regulate the operations
of the Militia of the said County in repelling any sudden Attacks or Invasion,
where Circumstances will not admit of their applying to the Council of Safety, or
Brigadier General of the Upper District for the Eastern Shore, as they shall
think most proper for the defence of said County. But it is required that
neither the said Brigadier General, or the said Committee proceed to act without
receiving their orders from the Council of Safety, or the said Committee without
having their instructions from the Council or said Brigadier, where the Circum-
stances of the Case will admit an Application for such orders or Instructions
without hazarding the public Safety, and that in all instances where the said
Brigadier shall act without particular Instructions, that he immediately
convey intelligence of the Cause, and manner of their proceeding to the Council.