

Adjourned till next Day 9 o'clock.

Tuesday 19th March 1781

Council Met. Present as Yesterday. Mr. Senifer attended.

Ordered, that Col. Joshua Beall of Prince Georges County, deliver unto George Mason and John Dalton Esquires of Stafford County, Virginia on their Order 10 Barrels of Gunpowder imitated in the Block's Breach, Thomas Conway Master.

Copy of Letter N^o 66. was sent to George Mason and John Dalton Esquires Copy of N^o 67 to the Committee of Safety of Virginia, and Copies of N^o 68 to the Hon^{ble} George Mather Esq. and Brigadier General Oent in Virginia.

Ordered, That a Magazine be built at the public expence in the Neighbourhood of Captain James Fortais under the direction of John Hull Esq. upon the following plan viz. A brick House 15 feet square with a pigeon house Roof. The walls to be two bricks to the first floor, and a brick and a half afterwards: about 9 feet high. Walls to be lathted with wooden Planks and lathed and plaistered. Two small Windows with Iron Bars, one Door: Two small Centry Boxes made with Plan boards: an Iron Rod to prevent Lightning falling on the Magazine.

As it may sometimes be necessary for the Defence of this Province, that the Militia should be called into service to repel sudden attacks and Invasions before it can be convenient for the Brigadier General and the Field Officers to receive particular orders from the Council of Safety. It is therefore,

Resolved, That upon such Emergencies the several Brigadier Generals may call out and direct and regulate the Operations of the Militia in their respective Districts according to the best of their Skill and Judgment; and that the other Field Officers whose Circumstances will not admit of their applying either to the Council of Safety, or their Brigadier for orders, have the like power with respect to their several Battalions. But it is required that in all Instances where the Brigadier shall proceed without particular Orders, that they immediately convey intelligence of the Cause and Manner of their Proceedings to the Council of Safety, and where the other Field Officers act without applying to the Council of Safety, or their Brigadier that they also communicate with the utmost Dispatch the Cause and Manner of their Proceedings to the Council of Safety, as well as to their Brigadier, when from his Situation it may be conveniently done. But the Militia are required to obey all such orders as shall be made by the Brigadier or other Field Officers in pursuance of this Resolve.

Ordered, That Copies of the above Resolve be sent to the several Brigadier Generals respectively, requesting them to furnish the Colonel of each Battalion in their respective Districts with a Copy thereof.

The End of the First Book.