

wrong, and were in fear of suffering for it. Mr. Gaspaway was told, that this was only his own opinion, and that he had better keep it to himself. Mr. Gaspaway said he was satisfied he was right, and further said, the best way was for the people to lay down their arms, and petition the Congress to petition the King and Parliament, and if the Congress would not do it, then the people ought to petition the King and Parliament themselves, letting them know that they had laid down their arms; that this was the best method of having a Reconciliation. And further said he wished the eyes of the multitude were opened. That Mr. Gaspaway had been told of this misbehaviour sometime afterwards, and been advised to retract and make proper Concessions. - That he then repeated his opinion and declared that he was right.

Robert Gaspaway being brought before the Council of Safety and having satisfied them that he had signed the association and had duly enrolled himself in a company of Militia in Frederick County; and at the same time having acknowledged that he had greatly misconducted himself, and was sorry that it should be thought he would do any thing to disunite the people of this Province, and having promised that he would be very careful of his words and actions for the future. It is therefore -

Resolved that he acknowledge that he was guilty of an offence that might have been of dangerous consequences, and ask Pardon at the Head of Capt. Smiths Company, and upon Payment of all Expenses attending the Guard and otherwise complying with the above Resolve that he be discharged from Custody.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 100. was sent to the Committee of Observation for the Middle District of Frederick County.

Adjourned till next Day 10<sup>th</sup> o'Clock.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1776.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Permit was granted to William Logan to pass with his Vessel and a cargo of Goods to Hobbs Hole in the Colony of Virginia, he having taken the Customary Oath that he will not carry any letters or communicate any Intelligence directly or indirectly to any Person or Persons inimical to America.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to the Committee of Observation for Charles County three hundred pounds to enable them to procure Blankets and provide Subsistence for Captain Pereg Bealls independent Company.

Permit granted to Patrick Seyburne to go to Baltimore Town.

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to William Tolland Quarter Master of the South River Battalion twenty one Pounds five Shillings and three pence on account of the said Battalion when on duty.

Resolved That the pay of the Naval Officers in the Service of this Province be as follows, to wit: -