

c. c. received from him, to expect that the Fort is nearly ready. Col<sup>o</sup> Rawlings who is, at present, without any Command in the Army, we have thought a very proper Person to have the Command of the Guard and the Management of the Prisoners, he seems willing to undertake it and set out a few Days ago, from hence with Intention to call at York and discourse with the Board of War on this Subject and, we expect, he will give a much fuller Idea of all Circumstances than we possibly can. We have directed that the Provisions collected on the Western Side of the South Mountain should be stored, with a View to supply the Guard and are apprehensive that what can be got there will not be Sufficient for the Guard and Prisoners, the latter of whom must, probably, be supplied there by us or perish. Virginia lying just across the River, it might be prudent to direct that any Provisions collected in that State, in the Neighbourhood of Fort Frederick, should not be removed, at least 'til it can be seen whether they are likely to be more necessary any where else than at the Fort. We do not know how far Col<sup>o</sup> Rawlings's having the Charge of the Prisoners and the Command of the Guard, may interfere with M<sup>r</sup> Hughes's Appointment, but we suppose, M<sup>r</sup> Hughes could take no Umbrage at seeing this Business in the Colonel's Hands. We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Honb<sup>e</sup> the Presid<sup>t</sup> of the }  
Board of War. }

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Saturday 28 March 1778.

Present as on yesterday. Commission issued to W<sup>m</sup> Hyde app<sup>d</sup> Register to the High Court of Chanc<sup>ry</sup>

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Dorsey to be delivered over to Samuel Dorsey & C<sup>o</sup> Thirteen pounds, ten Shillings per Account passed by the Committee of Claims.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Nicholas Manger Eighteen Pounds for enlisting three Recruits part of an Account passed by the Committee of Claims

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Fairbrother Eight Pounds for one hundred and seven pounds of Bar Iron furnished Capt Conway for the Sloop Molly per his Order of the 22<sup>d</sup> January last.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Jacob Young twenty four Pounds to be deliv<sup>d</sup> over to Geo. Bear for hire of himself & Waggon per Acc<sup>t</sup> passed by the Com. of Claims.

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal Issued to John Angus Master of the Brig Delaware mounting ten Carriage Guns, 7 Blunderbusses and 7 Musquets belonging to Joseph Williams & others dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 1777, and also