

Act. It is ordered that on his procuring an Effective Man C. B.
to enlist in the Quota of Troops for this State in the Continental Service for three years or during the War discharging this State of the forty Dollars State Bounty and procuring a Certificate from the Lieut of Kent County of his having passed such Recruit that the said Thomas Masslin be discharged from Service under the said Draft.

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Peire Adelon Master of the Brig Called the La Comptis Denery now in Patuxent River in this State mounting eight Carriage Guns & ten swivels, navigated with twenty five Men belonging to Peire Adelon and others, and also to Robert Brisson Master of the Sloop called the Concord mounting six Carriage Guns and ten swivels navigated by twenty two men belonging to Peire Adelon and others.

[W. Paca to Gov. Johnson.]

Original

D^r Sir

I shall be much obliged to you to forward the enclosed by some safe hand to Harford County.

A M^r Rudolph an officer of the Light Horse with a Sergeant paid me a visit a few days ago they were in pursuit of Horses and demanded some of me. M^r Rudolph shewed no Authority from Major Lee to press all horses between Chesapeake & Delaware that would suit for Light Horse. After reading his Authority, I told him if he attempted to seize any of my horses I would blow his brains out and if he did not leave this State or cease to exercise such power I would issue my warrants and commit him to Jail: he declined seizing my horses and gave me to understand his power was only in Ten.

He and the Sergeant went to Talbot & there attempted to seize a Horse but were baffled by a Spirited resistance. They made a like attempt since & M^r Rudolph got a severe whipping. He has since gone off, before he came to me he called at Col E^d Tilghmans & seized a horse of young Neds which he carried off. I knew nothing of it till too late

My love to Charles & family I Am glad to hear that my Brother Judge done his duty

Wye Island

11 June 1778

Y^{rs} truly

W^m Paca.

Friday 12th June 1778.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Abraham Faw two Pounds four shillings and six Pence for the use of