

to putting in three Lieutenants for this Service. We shall c. c.
most chearfully recommend any Application for giving the
whole of the Prizes to the Captors, nor doubt the Success of
it, so that we do not esteem it of any very great Consequence,
what they would be entitled to under the subsisting Regula-
tions, though we believe it is the same as in the Continental
Service. Bread, Flour, Meat, Ammunition and Musquets
shall be all ready here to be put on Board instantly; we are
preparing for the Chester and the like Provision will be made
for the Conqueror. We shall be greatly at a Loss for a Sur-
geon unless one can be got from Baltimore, it is desirable that
one good one should go, and a Mate; we have only one be-
longing to our Marine and we expect nothing further of him
than to act as a Mate.

Inclosed you have a Line to Maj^r Smith to furnish what of
the Matrosses may be wanting a Lieutenant Sergeant, Corpor-
al and not exceeding sixteen Privates

We are &^{ca}

Sam^l Purviance Jun^r

Thursday 18 February 1779

C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. Gale
Sixty Pounds ten shillings for the use of Sundry of the
Matrosses due them for cutting Wood p Acc^t passed by the
Dep^y Aud.

[Council to N. Smith and others.]

C. C.

In Council Annapolis 18th Feb^{ry} 1779

Sir.

Inclosed you have a Copy of a Resolution of the General
Assembly: to enable us to comply with it, we shall be obliged
to you to transmit to us an exact Account of all public stores
under your Care, and if you know of any others in your
County except those in the Hands of (*Maj^r Smith* or *M^r
Keeports*, as the case may be) we request you will inform us
thereof by a Line.

We are &^{ca}

Maj^r Nat. Smith, Cap^t Keeports & }
to Officers having the Care of }
Public Stores }

Like Letters to Commodore Grason, Cap^t Campbell, M^r
Jn^o Muir & Cap^t Maybury.