

forth with to Baltimore Apply to the Governor and concert <sup>Copy</sup> with him the measures necessary to be taken on the occasion.

You present command is only Temporary so soon as the Enemy have left Chesapeake Bay, & the danger which now threatens is over. You are immediately to rejoin the Army and resume your Command in the line.

You will be pleased to advise me of any Interesting occurrences that may happen

Given at Head Quarters  
Middle Brook 27 May 1779  
G<sup>o</sup> Washington

Friday 28 May 1779

C. B.

Present as on yesterday except Thomas Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col<sup>o</sup> William Hyde Five hundred Pounds to be Accounted for

Commissions issued of William Robinson appointed Ens. of Capt Benjamin Philpots C<sup>o</sup> John Lancaster jun<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut, & Edward Warren Ens of Capt. Jonathan Yeates C<sup>o</sup> Hendley Smoot, Ens of Capt John Parnham's C<sup>o</sup> Hezekiah Dent Capt, Francis Posey 1 Lieut, Isaac Smoot 2 Lieut, Joseph Manning Dent Ens, Haskins Hanson 2 L<sup>t</sup> and Gerard Blackstone Causin Ens. of Capt Walter Hanson's C<sup>o</sup> belonging to the 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Militia in Charles County

In our Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> of May to M<sup>r</sup> Purviance in answer to his where the Idea of the usefulness of the Gallies in the Defence of Baltimore Town was mentioned we say "The Independence wants a good deal done to her to fit her for a Cruise "the men we have are at present divided between her and the "Chester they in concert with our Fort might be useful "against Vessels the same end would be answered to you by "the Baltimore and Johnson they are Gunned we have them "ready to send up to the Indian Landing with Pork and some "other Articles, but if you can get a Force to use them as "Batteries, Baltimore Town may have them for that purpose, "If men can be engaged to carry up the Baltimore and "Johnson and act in them in Case it should become necessary "we will on this occasion draw their pay for the little Time "they can be wanted out of the Treasury and with the Assembly's Approbation of our Conduct." We were mistaken as to the Johnson's being Gunned, her Guns are not mounted tho' we have Carriages for the large Guns. These two Gallies are now at Indian Landing if a Force can be had from Baltimore to carry them thither we shall willingly let them go and take the Chance of manning them we will also be glad to have