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West River. If you do not find them in that Neighbourhood, you are to proceed to Hollands Island the Place of their rendezvous. We recommend to you to break up that or any other Post which the Enemy may have on the Tangier Islands and Seize and secure all the Inhabitants who have in any Manner voluntarily aided the Enemy; we are persuaded you will receive every Aid and Intelligence from the Inhabitants of the Eastern Shore which you may require Firmly relying upon your Judgment Zeal and Activity we have no Doubt of your accomplishing the Purposes of this Expedition. By the Law for the Defence of the Bay an Extract of which is enclosed, we were directed to remove the Inhabitants from the Islands below Hoopers Streights and between the Sound and the Bay with all their Stock &^{ca} to the Main, in Consequence of which we gave Orders to the Lieutenants of the Counties, in which the Islands are to carry the Law into Execution, should they not have done it, and you can conveniently give them Assistance in the removal, we wish you to do it.

Ibid
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[Council to Mr. Robinson Stevens.]

We have enclosed you the Terms on which we intend to send Articles into New York to be sold for the Relief of the captive Officers from this State, should you approve of them you will inform us immediately that we may take the first opportunity of writing to our Agent for the necessary Papers and Permission for the Vessel to proceed to New York.

Ibid.

[Council to Capt. Adam Ott.]

We have appointed you to receive and provide for the recruits raised in Washington County agreeably to an Act of the general Assembly of last Session we request you will undertake this Duty and have Recruits provided with every Thing necessary and to use every effectual Measure to prevent Desertion. We shall furnish [them] with Cloathing as soon as we are enabled to do it, and you may be assured that you will have an Allowance adequate to your Expence and Trouble.

Ibid.

[Council to Philip Thomas, Esqr.]

Col^o Sprigg a Lieutenant of Washington has applied for Powder for the use of the Select Militia of his County; Please to deliver to Col^l Sprigg or his Order two quarter Casks or half a Barrel of such Powder as is fit for the Purpose

Ibid.

[Council to Mr. George Dashiell.]

We have received your Letter of the 28th on Saturday, we fitted out three armed Boats and a Barge with about one hundred and twenty Men under Cap^t Trueman on a Design to break up the Enemys