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No. 60.

[Council to Maryland Deputies.]

To the Deputies of Maryland in Congress.

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We have requested M^r Bowley to purchase on Account of this Province the private Adventures of Powder imported in the Wild Dick Capt. Tibbitt lately arrived in Delaware at such Price as you may advise. We therefore desire your Assistance in that matter.

15th March 1776

[Mackall to Council.]

Calvert County 15th March 1776.

Gen^t I left the mouth of Patuxent Wednesday, where I saw Cap^t Thomas, who requested me (as he had no materials then to write with) to inform the Council of Safety, that he thought a Virginia Pilot Boat which was stopped by our guard some days ago, would be very usefull, either for conveying the troops from Calvert to S^t Mary's, or for taking any small Tenders which might come in our river That the owner was very desirous of selling her & that he would take a reasonable price sooner than return to Virginia, as he was apprehensive of being taken. If you should be of opinion that such a vessel will be of any advantage to the province, hope you will inform me or Cap^t Thomas by the first opportunity. The committee of observation for this County met on Monday last, in consequence of your last letter, and impowered me to appoint a number not exceeding 100 men, to watch our Coast, & as the man of war and Tenders then lay at anchor off the Clifts, I thought it necessary to station a guard of 78 men exclusive of officers to prevent their landing. Those men continued under arms till Wednesday, when I discharged all but 2 Lieutenants and 25 Privates, who are now stationed at Drum Point there to remain until Cap^t Bealls Company of Regulars comes down. The man of War and Tenders pass^d the mouth of Patuxent Tuesday Evening:

I am with great Respect Gen^t
Your most obed^t hble Serv^t
Benj: Mackall 4th

[Murray to Council.]

Cambridge March 15th 1776.

Gentlemen. From the sudden alarm which the sloop of war and her Tenders have this week occasioned it was thought