

c. c. the Liberty of inlisting Servants, not having more than 18 Months to serve and valued under £10, and Apprentices to inlist; I shall, as soon as it can well be done, convene the Assembly, and lay the Resolutions of Congress which I received yesterday in your Letter of the Inst, before them. Presuming the Congress were much engaged about Business of greater Moment, I recommended to the Assembly to appoint Commissioners to state the Acc^s of the Militia who went with me to the Jerseys last Jan^y, and, to prevent any Discontent, from their not soon receiving their Pay, to enable our Treasury to advance the Money. The Assembly passed the Resolution inclosed, and, in Consequence of it, I appointed John Hanson Jun^r William Deakins & Samuell Beall, to audit and settle the Acc^s, they are I expect, now on that Work, and I should be glad that Congress would Order Money for the Payment, subject to what Restrictions they may think Proper.

I am Sir

His Excell ^y John Hancock Esq ^r }	most respectfully
Presid ^t of the Congress }	Your obed ^t Serv ^t

C. B.

April 24th 1777.

Present Edward Lloyd, Joseph Sim and Thomas Sim Lee Esquire.

Ordered, That Henry Hollingsworth deliver to Robert Reid of Chester Town one hundred and fifty Gun Barrels, provided he has a sufficiency, wherewith to supply the other Works.

Benjamin King appointed Captain of the armed Boat called The Plater, and the Governor & Council agree to allow him eleven Pounds p month for his Services, as Captain thereof.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Robert Cummins fifteen hundred Pounds, to be accounted for.

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[Council to Capt. Nicholson.]

In Council Annapolis 24th Ap^l 1777.

Sir.

We have received repeated Accounts of your having impressed and detained a Number of Seafaring Men and others who either resided in, or were occasionally at Baltimore Town, and that, besides the Wrong to the Individuals, its Consequences have been injurious to the Town, in deterring People from going to Market there, for fear of being treated in the same Manner. We do not know that you can have any Authority, under which to justify such Violence, or to interfere in any Manner with any person who has not voluntarily