

- c. c. M^r Van Bibber has no right to dispose of our Tin, or any other Article of ours, to Col^o Aylett. We want the Things ourselves and hope Col^o Aylett will not think of touching them. These Goods purchased by M^r M^cCreary were bought with the Money of this State, and M^r Young's Name inserted merely for Safety, as M^cCreary thought, and we are exceedingly surprised that M^r Van Bibber should attempt to dispose of any of them. We are Gent &^{ca}
Mess^{rs} Norton & Beall.

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[Council to A. Hall.]

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777.

Sir

We received yours of the 26th Ins^t and are of Opinion that there is no need of a Commission issuing to the Clerk; there does not occur, in the Constitution & Form of Government, any Expression from which it can be inferred that a Commission is necessary, but that Part which says "the Clerk shall hold his Commission during good Behaviour." the Word Commission there, we think, must be understood in the same Sense as Office, which it has with Regard to the Chancellor.

We do not see how the Commissioners can go on with the Nomination of Assessors; it seems as if they were restricted to the Times mentioned in the Act for the Execution of this Part of it, yet should we have sent up a Commission as you desired, though it might have been the Ground of Dispute for querulous People, but that the Assembly is to meet the 11th June, when it will be necessary to aid in some Cases not very unlike this, and this may then with Convenience, be put on such a Footing as to prevent any Dispute

Col^o Aquila Hall }
Harford Co^{ty} }

We are &^{ca}

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[Council to W. Paca.]

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777.

Sir.

We are obliged by the Trouble you have taken to furnish us with the Size of the Barracks, and the Account for printing the Continental Money but you have not been quite so particular in your Description of the Barracks as we wished; how many Men to a Room, and how are their Beds contrived, some Account of the Officers Barracks.

We inclose you Copies of the Resolutions sent us by the President of the Congress and the Letter we received from