

the Marine Committee, by which you will see that the Resolution of the Congress for the Discharge of the Men, was not furnished to us. Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson is now down here, his Ship is off Annapolis, he shewed us a Copy with which he was served, the Resolution for the Discharge of the Men was omitted and Nicholson says he had no Direction from the Marine Committee to discharge any; we wish these Short Copies & short Orders may have happened without Design. We never had any Intercourse with M<sup>r</sup> Lewis, since he took Charge of our Letter to Nicholson, after his reading it before we sealed it, nor with Nicholson, 'till this Day, after his Letter, which we inclosed to the Marine Committee. Our Letter to Nicholson and that to the Committee, contain our Sentiments much better than M<sup>r</sup> Lewis collected them. This has been a very disagreeable Business. Nicholson alledges and M<sup>r</sup> Lewis seems to confirm that Nicholson advised with the Marine Committee on the Subject of pressing before he did it, and that the Committee rather approved it. Nicholson has promised now to discharge such of the impressed men (he has upwards of 30) as are not willing to go with him and a Magistrate goes on board this Afternoon to see it done. We received a Letter to day from Cap<sup>t</sup> Teams, who has lately got home much hurt; there is but one Officer of his Company a Prisoner. We hope Col<sup>o</sup> Gunby is mistaken about the Desertion of the Company The latest Account we have of it is, that 3 or 4 only had deserted and about as many dead: the Company was full or nearly full when it marched. We have appointed the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, for the meeting of the Assembly

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In Council Annapolis 30<sup>th</sup> May 1777.

Sir.

This, we expect will be delivered to you by Cap<sup>t</sup> Alexander Trueman of Col<sup>o</sup> Williams's Battalion, of this State. M<sup>r</sup> Paul Parker was recommended as an Officer in the Proportion of Troops of this State and accordingly had a Power to recruit as such and eight hundred Dollars delivered to him by the Commissioners He was appointed a Lieu<sup>t</sup> in Cap<sup>t</sup> Trueman's Company and, as the Cap<sup>t</sup> says, was successful, having, according to the Accounts he gave his Captain, raised upwards of thirty Men. M<sup>r</sup> Parker afterwards refused to serve in the Batt<sup>n</sup> in which he was appointed has accepted a Lieutenancy in one of the sixteen Regiments and carried his Recruits with him. From what we learn, this is one of several Instances of such Conduct and that several of the Gentlemen who have