

ingness to proceed in the ship, they are ordered to be discharged from the ship, to wit, John Harrington, Richard Arthur, W^m Adams, Joseph Shaw, John Dillain, Joseph Church, William Harrington, W^m Berrige, Richard Harding, John Mitchell, Guilford Minatree, Solomon Tyler, and James Marshall.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captⁿ James Nicholson one thousand and ninety two pounds, sixteen shillings and six pence for Balance of Acc^t

[Council to Capt. David.]

C. C.
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In Council Annapolis 31st May 1777

Sir

You are to proceed with the Conqueror to this Place with all Dispatch, fitted as well as you can, and apply to Cap^t Walker for his Men to go with you. We may probably give you Orders here to proceed farther. We are &^{ca}

P. S. If Cap^t Walker is about rigging his Galley, and it should be necessary, he will keep two or three of his Men.

Cap^t John David.

[Council to T. Wright.]

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In Council Annapolis 31st May 1777

Sir

On considering the Subject of your Letter of the 25th we find ourselves a good deal embarrassed; if it could be done with Propriety, we should gladly send you another Commission with an Addition of two Gentlemen who would act with you, as such an Addition seems desirable by you and is probly so to Mess^{rs} Brown and Thompson; but we think issuing a new Commission whilst one is subsisting which may be executed, is irregular. If you have proceeded in the Execution of the Commission, we do not think we can send another, but will send a Commission to a Clerk, if the Gen^t will recommend; was a proper Person to be got here, we should, on your Intimation of your Difficulties on this Head, have commissioned him immediately. If you have not proceeded in the Commission and it should be more agreeable to you and the other Gen^t who will act, to have Assistance joined with you, we will send a new Commission on a Return of the old, with a Certificate that no Person hath qualified; and should be obliged to you to mention who you think will be the most proper for Clerk &^{ca} We wish to do what is strictly legal in this Affair, but if there should be any Opinion entertained