

Philadelphia and we have Reason to think he will be ordered c. c. by Congress to Sussex to prevent any future Communication between the Disaffected there and the Enemy's Ships of War. We presume it would not have the desired Effect to begin the Building of a Gondola at this late Season, as the Mischief might be accomplished before she could be finished; we therefore have some Thoughts of sending one of the Gondolas from hence, in Aid of your Battery, if we should think the Voyage round can be effected; in the mean Time, we hope your Battery will continue to deter the Enemy from making any Attempts upon the Inlet of Sinepuxent

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[Council to N. Smith.]

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In Council 9<sup>th</sup> July 1777.

Sir.

We have appointed Lieu<sup>t</sup> Judah to the Office mentioned in your Letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> and make no Doubt of his discharging the Trust reposed in him with Fidelity. There is a small Quantity of Steel here, belonging to this State, which we expect will answer M<sup>r</sup> Dorsey's present purpose, and which we shall contrive to him by the first Opportunity. It does not seem to us that the late Law respecting the additional Bounty of thirty Dollars exclusive of the Continental Allowance, will justify our adopting the Mode you propose to promote the recruiting Service, in as much as the Law has pointed out a different Plan, and does not allow of any Deviation from it. We have had before us, (in Consequence of your Complaint respecting Cap<sup>t</sup> Cooke) the two Officers of the Ship Defence who were immediately employed by the Cap<sup>t</sup> in executing the Business we had sent him upon; the one his L<sup>t</sup> who informs us that upon the Captain's Arrival in Baltimore Town, he, the Lieu<sup>t</sup> went at the Captain's Desire, to request your Assistance for a Guard over a Vessel which had Salt on board, as represented, with Design of removing the same out of this State, contrary to the Law lately passed against forestalling. That he endeavoured to find you, but not being able to meet with you readily, he then went to the Guard House, enquired for the Officer of the Guard, and finding no commanding Officer there, he requested the Sergeant, who, he was told, commanded the Guard, to aid Cap<sup>t</sup> Cooke with two File of Men, which was cheerfully complied with and that the Men were, in a very short Time, discharged. The other Person (the second Mate) informed us that he went, by the Captain's Order by Water to the Fort Wharf in Execution of the Business before mentioned and that tho' he desired, as a Favour,