

Bottles and Camp Kettles made ready to put into the Peoples C. C.  
Hands. We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Dan<sup>t</sup> Hughes Lieu<sup>t</sup> of }  
Washington County }

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1777.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain John Kilty one hundred and twenty two pounds eleven shillings and five pence as per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Andrew Buchanan one hundred and fourteen pounds seven shillings and three pence as per Acc<sup>t</sup> passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Bennett Matthews three hundred and sixty four pounds four shillings and three pence on Account of the Galley Independence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Humphry Belt three pounds per Account passed. That the said Treasurer pay to Doct<sup>r</sup> Peter Woltz Ten pounds, eight shillings and three pence per Account passed.

Being informed by Capt. Kilty, that he has moored the Ship Lydia of this State at the Eastern branch Ferry. And as this Vessel and her Cargo (being laden with Tobacco also belonging to this State) are very valuable, and only two hands are to be left on board of her. It is thought proper that some plan should be fallen upon for her security against any attempts which may be made by the Enemy to destroy her. And therefore it is requested that Col. Robert Tyler or the Commanding Officer of the Upper Batt in Prince Georges County nominate a Guard of one Comp<sup>y</sup> of Men with their proper Officers most convenient in situation with Orders to hold Themselves in readiness to repair to the place where the Ship is anchored, to protect her until a larger force can be sent to their Assistance in case of any Alarm by Tenders or other Attempt of the Enemy.

Commission issued to Elisha Dorsey appointed first Lieut of Capt Christopher Owings's Company in the room of Samuel Merryman Jun<sup>r</sup> broke by Court Martial in the Soldiers Delight Batt. Baltimore County.

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.]

Johnsons Ferry September 11<sup>th</sup> 1777.

C. C.  
Original.

D<sup>r</sup> Sir,

I have inclosed you a copy of a Lt<sup>r</sup> which I received from General Washington yesterday, which will point out the Situ-