

c. c. of Maryland has lately in a secret manner departed to Somerset County the Place of his former Residence is supposed to have counterfeit money and to have gone down for some secret and invidious purpose. Robert Alexander is still on board the Fleet.

N. B. The Gentleman who gives the above Information has just come from the Fleet on his Parole in order to be exchanged for a British Officer the Exchange not yet being effected I am not at large to mention his Name but believe his information may be depended on

5 Nov^r 1777.

W Smallwood

c. B. Thursday 6 November 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Josiah Cathel of Capt. Browns Company of Matrosses having procured two men to enlist into the said Company under Captain Brown's promise to endeavor to procure his discharge on his so doing. He is therefore discharged from further Service.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Rogers one hundred pounds for so much advanced Lieut Francis Ware of Charles County, and to be charged to L^t F. Ware.

c. c. [Gov. Johnson to Delegates.]

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Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.

Soon after the Enemy's Fleet passed by Annapolis and before it was discovered whether Philadelphia was the Object, or that the Intention, as many supposed, was to cut off the Eastern from the Western Shore I received a Letter from the Honb^l William Paca Esq^r who happened then to be at Chester Town, advising me of the Disposition of the People on that Shore to exert themselves in their Defence, of their want of Money and many other Things, and requesting what Assistance the Government could possibly give, and that Things might be conducted with the more Regularity and, consequently, with the better Effect, desiring blank Commissions might be sent over to be filled up with the Advice of the County Lieutenants and principal Gentlemen. I received the Letter about twelve o'Clock at night and dispatched the Boat time enough to cross the Bay before Morning and, under an Impression that no regular Intercourse could be kept up between the two shores, I sent what Things I could which were immediately necessary. The blank Commissions and my Request to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, to advance,