

State, you are to go with the three Gallies, into their Neighbourhood and choose the best situation you can for the Safety of the Gallies and to cut off the Tenders. If you find any Persons carrying on a Correspondence with the Enemy, secure such and their Vessels if you can, and assist the Operations of the Militia all in your Power, against the Enemy, or in securing those who may be suspected of corresponding with the Enemy. Contrive my Letter to Col^o Dashiell and, if the Arms I have wrote to him about, can be got ready, you will put Part into each Galley and bring them to Annapolis. Particular Care, especially to keep them Dry, must be taken of them. They are packed in 40 Boxes. Advise of your Situation by every Opportunity and, if your Stay should be any Time and no Opportunity offers send an Express.

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[Council to Capt. Cook.]

Annapolis 22^d Nov^r 1777.

General Orders.

The Row Gallies Conqueror, Baltimore & Independence, under the Command of Cap^t Cook, of the Defence, are to proceed from hence to the Sound on the Eastern Shore and there act in Concert against the Enemy now infesting those Parts of the State. If the Enemy removes from thence, the Conqueror and Independence are to return to Annapolis, and the Baltimore is to continue there for the Safeguard and Protection of that Part of the State, 'til further Orders.

All Officers to bear Rank and Command according to their Commissions and their Dates or the Times noted thereon of their coming into the Service of the State.

Nothing being so essential to the Success of an Enterprize and the Safety of the whole, as a due and ready Obedience to Command, it is expected that every Officer will be careful in that Particular, and if it should happen that any Difficulty should arise about Rank, it must not grow into a Difference, as all Pretensions will be heard with Patience and decided with Justice.

Cap^t George Cook.

Monday 24th November 1777.

C. B.

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Doct^r Henry Snebely nineteen pounds three shillings and four pence for the use of sundry persons amount of Accounts