

- C. B. This Board agree to rent M<sup>r</sup> James Williams's Houses near Severn at the rate of eighty five Pounds currency per Annum. The rent to commence from the 21<sup>st</sup> January last, at which Time the former Agreement expired and allow for all Damages done according as the same shall be estimated by two indifferent Persons

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to William Kennedy master of the Schooner Swift mounting 1 Howitz and 2 Swivels navigated by 7 Men belonging to Joseph and James Williams and others and dated 19 Oct. last.

C. C.

[Council to Norton and Beall.]

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In Council Annapolis 14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778.

Gent.

The Bearer L<sup>t</sup> Gale, goes to Williamsburg with two Wagons, under his Care, for the Linens in your Warehouse, belonging to this State. We shall be obliged to you to deliver them to him. We shall endeavour to ascertain the Goods sent us by M<sup>r</sup> Stephenson, but their coming in such small Parcells and Part of the Transactions being in the Time of the old Council of Safety, will render it difficult to be done with the Precision that is desirable

We are Gent. &<sup>ca</sup>

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Norton & Beall.

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[Council to Gov. Henry.]

In Council Annapolis 14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778.

Sir.

Just before your Letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> came to Hand, we received the Resolutions of Congress of the 19<sup>th</sup> for establishing a Communication for transporting Provisions to the Army and sent the Letters to you and the Governor of North Carolina, from Congress, on the same Subject, by Express. The Congress having adopted M<sup>r</sup> Buchanan's proposed mode will we imagine, induce you to concur in it, rather than pursue that which you at first intended. The Board of War had mentioned to us a Scheme of transporting Provisions by Water, nearly similar to what had occurred to you and that our Gallies might be useful in the Execution of it. We had no Objection to risking the Gallies but it appeared to us, that it would have been very expensive and very uncertain, as our Gallies draw upwards of eight Feet, with their Provisions, Water and Ballast, and have but little Room for Stowage when but tolerably manned. The Number of Men of War in the Bay and their Activity, confirms us in Opinion, that the