

- C. B. Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Collier Fountain master of the Sloop Peggy mounting Six Carriage Guns and six Swivels navigated by 25 Men belonging to William Spear and others of Balt<sup>o</sup> and dated 19 Oct<sup>r</sup> 1777.

C. C.

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[Council to Justices.]

In Council Annapolis 17<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778.

Gen<sup>t</sup>

We wrote a few Days ago to M<sup>r</sup> Turbutt Wright, desiring him to send by a safe Hand, the Papers respecting the Insurgents which, we expect, he has done. The Adjournment of the Court seems to us not only proper but, as Things have turned out, necessary About the Time of issuing the Special Commission, we appointed M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Galloway Attorney General and had no Doubt of his acting, but he has since declined that Office we have been very solicitous to get it filled to the Public Satisfaction, but the Gent<sup>n</sup> of the Bar have shewn great Backwardness to undertake it. We have appointed M<sup>r</sup> Luther Martin of Somerset, but whether he will accept or not we do not know. We send his Commission by M<sup>r</sup> Baker, who is to forward it by Express; his Answer cannot, probably, be known to you or to us, before the Court is to meet according to your last Adjournment, wherefore we think it would be best to adjourn the Court again 'til a few Days after the first of March, by which Time, you will have got your immediate hurrying Duties off your Hands and M<sup>r</sup> Martin's Resolution may be known. We write him to advise you of it, as well as

To the Justices of the Special Court } Gen<sup>t</sup> &<sup>ca</sup>  
on the Eastern Shore }

C. B.

Wednesday 18 February 1778

Present as on yesterday except Daniel Carroll Esquire.

The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Bowie has his District enlarged from Queen Anne Town with Patuxent to Nottingham from thence with the road leading to Col<sup>o</sup> Sim's and from thence with the road to Upper Marlborough

C. C.

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[Council to J. Calhoun.]

In Council Annapolis 18<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1778.

Sir

We have not received Accounts from Many of the Purchasers of Cloathing of the Quantities they have collected but