

Instances, the Officers acted under Recruiting Warrants before their Appointments. Minutes of the Warrants & Appointments have not been kept, with such Regularity as is desirable. Those Rolls are the best we can make from tracing the Minutes and we send Copies of them to Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood with a View that if, from the original Recruiting Warrants in the Hands of the Officers, Dates of Commissions or Appointments, there ought to be any Corrections, he may remark it to the Board of War. We have the Honor to be &<sup>ca</sup>

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Horatio Gates }  
Presid<sup>t</sup> of the Board of War }

[Council to Luther Martin.] 86

In Council Annapolis 18<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup> 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you a Commission to be Attorney General which we wish you to accept of, and hope that the Appointment of M<sup>r</sup> Galloway who has resigned, will not alter your former Resolution which, we hope and have no Doubt, was formed from a Desire of contributing to the Public Service. There is now a Commission to be executed in Talbot, for the Trial of the Eastern Shore State Prisoners. The Court stands adjourned to Monday the 23<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> but as your Answer cannot well be expected by that Time, we have requested the Justices to make a further Adjournment 'til about or a little after the first of March. If it is agreeable to you to act, we shall be glad that you'll immediately go to Talbot and, we expect your Time will not be mispent in looking over the Papers which we have ordered into M<sup>r</sup> Bracco's Hands, and be so obliging, if you do not act, immediately to write to him and

Sir your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Luther Martin Esq<sup>r</sup>

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That M<sup>r</sup> Crysell deliver to M<sup>r</sup> Baker 12 Bushels of Salt for the use of this State

That the Armourer put up on board of M<sup>r</sup> John Gibsons Boat 150 Stand of Arms last Imported to be delivered to Col Birkhead Lieut of Talbot County for the Use of that County.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Francis Baker two hundred and fifty pounds eighteen shillings and five Pence amount of Account passed by the Board for the