

On Cap^t Hawkins Application to us, we have thought c. B. proper to inform you that the Board of Acc^{ts} will receive our Directions to allow his receipt for £254 in the Settlement of your Accounts with them.

To Cap. Sam^l Ridgeway.

[Council to H. Lowes.]

c. c.

In Council Annapolis 16th March 1778.

Sir.

There appears to us no Probability of your obtaining your Schooner again, unless on a Discrimination between you and others, which we hope you would not wish to have done in your Favour, and would be very improper for us to contribute to. We have already refused on several Applications to permit People to go to the Enemy to solicit for Negroes taken or run away from them and shall not, by any Means, permit the Citizens of this State to entreat for Favors from the Enemy.

We are Sir &^{ca}

M^r Henry Lowes.

[Council to Talbot Judges.]

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In Council Annapolis 16th March 1778.

Gen^t

We inclose you the Letters and Papers received from Somerset and Worcester Counties about the 22^d Sept^r giving an Account of the Insurrection which was just then suppressed, and Copies of the Letters from this Board to Gen^l Hooper & Col^o George & Col^o Joseph Dashiell, from whence you will perceive the Charge was not a bare Intention to disturb the Public Peace, but for an open and deliberate arming and actually making use of their Arms against us. People may perhaps think the Imprisonment of those Insurgents severe, from the long Continuance of it and may hastily conclude it to be irregular in the Manner of it: but they ought to consider that an Imprisonment in the Counties where those People respectively lived, would have been no way secure nor is it clear that the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties could have committed to any other Jails than those of their respective Counties and indeed there is no Jail in this State sufficient without a Guard. It is not unlikely that if Judges of the General Court had been Qualified, the Persons charged would have been ordered before them to examine & discharge or commit, as the Evidence would warrant. There are but three Prisoners on this Shore, Thomas Wright, The Papers