

make a Load or as near a Load as you can, taking Acc^{ts} and c. c.
delivering them as above.

Cap^t Ross.

T. J.

[Lord Howe to Washington.]

Copy

Philadelphia May 27th 1778

Sir

Having, by a Packet just arrived from Great Britain, received the King's Commands to transmit to the Congress and the Commander in Chief of their Troops, the Copies of two Acts passed this Session of Parliament, for quieting the disorders now Subsisting in these Colonies and preparing the way for the Return of Peace.

I embrace the earliest opportunity to forward the inclosed Copies of those Acts, and of one other Act relating to the Government of the Province, of the Massachusetts Bay, for the Information of the Congress thereon; most sincerely hoping this Communication will be productive of the desired good effects.

I am with due Consideration
Sir, Your most obed^t Servant
Howe

Gen^l Washington
the same to
Henry Laurens Esquire
President of the Congress.

Thursday 28 May 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Robert Reith eight Pounds six shillings & eight Pence due for one Months Att

Commissions of Lre of Marque & Reprisal issued to William Skillirn Master of the Schooner called the Willey & Minta mounting four Carriage Guns navigated with 7 men belonging to Vanbibber & others of Baltimore also to William Yardsley Master of the Schooner called the Johnson mounting five swivels and six Muskets navigated with eight Men belonging to Daniel Bowley and others of Baltimore

Friday 29 May 1778

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to William Thomas six thousand Dollars to be delivered over to John