

the British Troops and to have lately come out of Philadelphia, C. B. having as he says resigned his Commission in the Month of June 1777. This Board not being satisfied that he is not now in the British Service and on some evil Design travelling about this State and being of Opinion that the Truth of his Case may be better enquired into in the Neighbourhood of Philadelphia, especially of General Irvine, Col^o Marbury of Maryland or Major Giles to whom he refers for a Knowledge of his Situation in Philadelphia should be released. It is ordered that the said Thomas Seon be Kept under Guard til some of the Recruits are sent from hence and that he be sent in Charge of the Officer who may go with the Recruits to the Camp where he is to be delivered to the proper Officer with this Commitment in Order that due Inquiry may be made.

[Council to Gist.]

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In Council Annapolis 17th June 1778.

Sir.

John Drummond complains that Cap^t Samuel Griffith enlisted his Son Hugh only fourteen years old next Valentine's Day. He says his Son is a very weakly Lad and Subject to Fits, and that he was carried away without being passed by a Field Officer. Lads under 16 years old ought not to be enlisted without the consent of their Parents. We wish you to enquire into this Matter and, if the Boy is under 16, we request you to discharge him, on his paying the Money he has received back to you, for which you'll give Credit. If Griffith has not been paid the £6, he ought not to receive it and, if he has received it, he ought to return it.

We are &^{ca}

Col^o Mordecai Gist.

Thursday 18 June 1778.

C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Gabriel Williams a Substitute from Saint Marys County for nine Months is discharged he having procured James McBride to serve in the Continental Army for the Term of three years and having paid him the Sum of eighty Dollars in which the State Bounty is included

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Messersmith Three hundred and forty pounds, four shillings and nine Pence due him one hundred and twenty four Pounds, eighteen shillings for the use of Matthias Messersmith, and