

[Council to G. Dashiell.]

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In Council 8th Aug^t 1778.

Sir.

We received your Letter of the 28th July by Cap^t Irving. We are sorry that we have no better Means of securing atrocious Offenders, and that we can with Propriety, do nothing more than to approve your Conduct in placing a Guard over the Prison, and desire a Continuance of it. It was mentioned in the Course of last Session, to empower the Governor and Council to remove Persons committed for Capital Offences, from the County Jails to which they might be committed to others of greater Security, but the Power was not given.

We are Sir &^{ca}

George Dashiell Esq^t }
Lieu^t of Somerset County. }

Monday 10th August 1778

C. B.

Present as on Saturday

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Salisbury Blackmer Master of the Schooner Widow Wadman, mounting four Carriage Guns, two Howitzers and one Swivel navigated by fourteen men seventy one Tons burthen belonging to David Stewart & Co. Baltimore

Tuesday 11 August 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer Pay to George Davey three Pounds, five shillings per Acc^t passed by the Princ^l Cl. to the Aud G^l

[Chase to Johnson.]

Original

Philad^a Augst 11 1778

Dear Sir.

Your Letter to Congress was delivered and is referred to the Marine Committee. It will be difficult & a Work of Time to procure the different Resolves of Congress relative to Captures. I have seen only one of the Marine Board. the only Instance he knows of is, that Cap^t Haveler says he struck to the United States. As to the Jurisdiction it unquestionably belongs to our Court of Admiralty. I am almost sure the Effects are a prize to the Individuals, there is a Resolve on this Subject, bound in a Pamphlet which is at my House.