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[Circular to Lieutenants]

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Circular.
Sir.In Council Annapolis 25th Oct^r 1778

You have with this a Copy of a Letter rec^d last Night from M^r Henry and its Inclosure. However wild a Scheme of landing a Number of Tories to march through a considerable Extent of Country, may be, our Enemies may possibly be induced to embrace it from an Expectation of their being joined by a very great Part of the Inhabitants, and therefore it will be well to place Things on such a Footing that they may not profit from the Surprize which is generally occasioned by Invasions. From further Intelligence of a considerable Part of the British Army embarking, as supposed, for Boston, it is not likely that the Tories will be supported by any considerable Regular Force. If the Project should be attempted, you are to call forth the Militia of your County without waiting for further Orders, sending an Express to us with the earliest Intelligence. It is likely if this Expedition is really concerted, many Tories will be travelling through the Country to sound the Inhabitants and collect and give Information; wherefore it will be well for you and the Magistrates to prevent suspicious People passing at this Time. Every Thing which can be done here, may be relied on and, if those who are really disaffected to the Cause of America are impressed that the Hope of Plunder is the Inducement, as it seems to be acknowledged at New York, for this wicked Undertaking, we cannot imagine that any considerable Number will Join, as, on Success the Value of the Plunder will, as usual, be much more regarded than to whom it belongs

We are &^{ca}

To the Lieu^{ts} of the Counties }
on the Eastern shore

C. B.

Monday 26th October 1778Present as on Saturday except Tho^s Sim Lee Esq^r

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Solomon Frazier Master of the Schooner Dorchester mounting 1 Carriage Gun 2 Howitz and 4 small Arms, navigated by 10 Men, belonging to James Byus, Arthur Wheatly and William Thomas & C^o Dorchester County

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Sprigg one hundred and seventy three pounds, sixteen shillings & nine pence to be delivered over to Thomas Jones per Acc^t passed by the Prin^l Cl. to the Aud. Gen^l

That the said Treasurer pay to Com. Thomas Grason Twelve Pounds for the use of Sol^o Start and sixty seven Pounds ten