

[Council to B. Nicholson.]

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In Council Annapolis 16<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1778

Sir

The Attorney General just now gave us a verbal Account of the Proceedings against the Friendship. We received by the last Post a Letter from the Marine Committee on the Subject of that Seizure which we laid before the Assembly. As we understand the Forfeiture is adjudged for the Benefit of the State only and the whole Cargoe has been paid for by the United States, we are inclined to remit the Forfeiture of the Vessel and Cargoe and therefore wish no Order may be immediately made for the Sale of either. You will oblige us by ordering the Register to send us a full Copy of the Proceedings as soon as may be.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

The Honb<sup>le</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Nicholson }  
Judge of the Court of Admiralty }

[Council to T. Sollers.]

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Sir

We inclose you a Copy of the Act passed yesterday, by which you will regulate your Conduct in your Office. Wherever Vessels are cleared with any Articles of Provision under the Orders of Congress or any Committee of Congress, you will mention the Order in your Clearance, in your Permit and in your Books and advise us from Time to Time of your granting such Permits as we may, if we have Suspicions of any indirect Practices, be ascertained by the Congress or the Committee under whose Order the Matter is said to be transacted.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Thos. Sollars Esq<sup>r</sup> Nav<sup>l</sup> Off<sup>r</sup> }  
at Balt<sup>o</sup> or his Deputy }

Tuesday 17 November 1778

C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut. Gale Cloth for a Great Coat and Waistcoat with Trimings.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker six Pounds for riding Express p Acc<sup>t</sup> passed by the Prin<sup>l</sup> Clk to the Aud. Gen<sup>l</sup>

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crysall Five hundred Pounds on Acc<sup>t</sup>