

c. B. Murrow One hundred and sixty five Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence Am^t of Acc^t passed by the Aud. Gen^t

The Governor & Council have not been able from the Difficulty of getting Men in the Marine Service to make the Gallies answer their wishes or Public Expectation; the Reason is obvious enough to Men of Business in the Mercantile Way. The situation of the Trade under every exertion necessary and the Governor and Council are willing to use every Power they have towards Protecting it. From the whole of the Conversation with M^r Smith, M^r Purviance, M^r McClure and Capt. Nicholson the Governor and Council entertain an Opinion that the most effective Force that can be soon put in Motion will be two Gallies with a Tender and perhaps an armed Vessel of 10 or 12 Guns. The Governor and Council cannot fit out the two Gallies and Tender without 50 Hands (about half of them Sailors) 60 would better the Service by all the Difference. If the 50 hands can be furnished, for three Months by the Gentlemen in Baltimore on Private Expense the Gallies & Tender will be soon ready and shall Cruse just within the Cape with Liberty of turning out a little way occasionally. The Governor & Council are persuaded a fine going Sloop or Brig of 10 or 12 Guns in Company with the Gallies would greatly contribute to the Success of the Scheme and to promote as far as they can the fitting out such a Vessel, they are willing to furnish Flesh Provision for her for three Months at the Cost of it to be paid for unless as they hope the General Assembly should agree to make a present of it. It is to be understood that the fitting out a Sloop or Brig though very much wished is not designed as a Condition to sending out the Gallies

Wednesday 10 February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Gordon Ninety six Pounds, fifteen shillings & ten Pence am^t of Acc^t passed by the D. Aud.

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[Council to Lieutenants.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Feb^y 1779

Sir. Circular.

Desirous of giving the General Assembly the most accurate and satisfactory Account on the Points of the inclosed Resolution, we request you will send us, as soon as you can, an exact List of all Military Stores in your County belonging to the