

his Commissions are both for the Seventh District; if so there's c. c. a Mistake in yours; it should have been for the sixth as you'll see by the inclosed Copy of a Resolution of the Assembly. We send you a proper Commission to rectify the Mistake if it has really happened, which will give you the Trouble of another Qualification, which we are sorry for.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Adam Muir Esq<sup>r</sup>

[Council to J. Banning.]

In Council Annapolis 25<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1779

Sir.

We do not know of any Method of punishing the Parties concerned in sending out Flour in the Lady Washington but on a Prosecution agreeable to the late Act Chap. 3<sup>d</sup> of the last Session and we much wish that the Matter may be enquired into in due Course; the Vessel had no Letter of Marque from hence as we can find. The Nature and Powers of your Office are in a very loose Way; we do not apprehend that the old Regulations, chiefly made by Acts of Parliament, now subsist; it is absolutely necessary that the Duty and Power of Naval Officer should be precisely and clearly pointed out by an Act of Assembly and we hope and expect it will soon be done. Inclosed you have the Resolution of the Assembly, which erected and describes the Districts; your Commission is right and we have returned it; the Minute we have of M<sup>r</sup> Muir's is of the 6<sup>th</sup> and right also but, as it may have been filled up wrong, we shall send him another.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Jeremiah Banning Esq<sup>r</sup>

Friday 26 February 1779

C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Barr Fifteen Pounds for the use of Adam Remsberg and the further Sum of Three Pounds, two shillings and six Pence for the use of Balser Bauman p Acc<sup>ts</sup> passed by the Dep. Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reith, Fourteen Pounds Eleven shillings & Eight Pence for 1 M<sup>o</sup> Att<sup>a</sup> as Messenger due the 23<sup>d</sup> Inst

Saturday 27 February 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas