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[Council to Dickinson.]

In Council Annapolis 30<sup>th</sup> March 1779

Sir.

M<sup>r</sup> Stevens, Sheriff of Dorchester County shewed us to Day, your Notice to him to pay up the Balance due on his Account, he says that he has not exchanged any of the Money received in his Office, though it is impossible for him to identify an Oath, the Bills he has received for the public Assessment. This Matter appears to us within the Equity of the Provisions of the last Session of Assembly and we think, you may, with Safety and Propriety, receive from M<sup>r</sup> Stevens the Balance in the Continental Treasury Rec<sup>t</sup> which he says he has obtained, or depositing the Money there to be exchanged.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Henry Dickinson Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
 Treas<sup>r</sup> of the Eastern Shore }

[Council to Hooper.]

In Council Annapolis 30<sup>th</sup> March 1779.

Sir.

We received to Day, your Letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> inclosing M<sup>r</sup> Whiteley's Letter to you of the 22<sup>d</sup> Esteeming it of high Concern to the Peace and security of the People and their Property on the Water Sides to punish such villanous Outrages as that committed on M<sup>r</sup> Whitely, we wish you by all Means if in your Power, to send a Detachment of your Militia in pursuit of the Aggressors. Our Gallies are below and, if you think it necessary that they should act in Concert with the Militia; you will be pleased to send the inclosed to Commodore Grason, advising him how he may best assist the Operations you may concert, though it will readily occur to you that, if you can accomplish the Business without him for a Certainty, the Success of the Enterprize had better not be hazarded by the Delay which may be occasioned by calling on him. The long Delay of examining into the Conduct of such Offenders and the Frequency of their Escapes, seem to have left little Terror in our Courts, clearly not enough to deter the wicked from the Perpetration of the Highest Crimes against the State; we have had too much Softness and are sorry that there's a Necessity for a different Conduct.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Henry Hooper Esq<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> }  
 of Dorchester County }