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[Council to D. Hughes.]

In Council Annapolis 3^d April 1779

Sir.

You have herewith a Copy of a Letter from the War Office dated the 25th of last Month and of its Inclosure from whence you'll see we are called upon for a Company of Militia to guard the Prisoners at Fort Frederick. It is absolutely necessary that there should be a good Guard and we request you to get a Guard of Militia ready to enter on Duty instead of the Regular Troops. We are sorry for the Necessity of calling out any of the Militia at this Time, it must be prejudicial to them and to the Public. If Men can be engaged for four Months to perform this Service for a Bounty of sixty Dollars and Continental Pay and Rations we will willingly and gladly pay that Bounty and possibly, as the Militia in general are so much interested in the Measure, we may with their Assistance engage the Number or great Part of the Number wanted. We wish you to exert your Endeavours for that Purpose; perhaps some may be picked up in Frederick, the Militia on Duty may be discharged as Men are engaged to fill their Places. Should any Thing occur to you which you think may tend in any Degree to ease the Militia, you'll be pleased to mention it to us.

We are &^{ca}

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Monday 5th April 1779

Present as on Saturday

Commissions of Letters of Marque & Reprisal issued to Joseph Dority Commander of the Sloop General Gates, 50 Tons Burthen, mounting 8 Carriage Guns, 2 Swivels & 8 Small Arms belonging to David H. Cunningham & Arch^d Gamble of Baltimore and also to Benjamin Tatem Commander of the Schooner General Gates 30 Tons Burthen, mounting 8 Swivel Guns and 9 small Arms, belong^g to Hugh Young & Comp^y of Baltimore

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Brogden Thirty six Pounds, two shillings and nine pence due him p^r Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud^r

Commissions of Lre of Marque and Reprisal issued to Alexander Murry Com^r of the Brig Columbus, mount^g 10 Car. Guns, 6 Howitz & 12 small Arms, belonging to Samuel & Robert Purviance of Baltimore