

& Dolphin with Stores for the Gallies. The Commodore c. c. receives by this Opportunity, Instructions to continue the Cruise a Month longer than was intended, provided you can prevail on your Men to remain for that Time. We expect the Committee of Baltimore have wrote you on the Subject & informed you that a Vessel of 20 Guns from Philadelphia and the Cutter commanded by Cap<sup>t</sup> Cunningham are to cruise on the Coast and will soon be ready for Sea.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Cap<sup>t</sup> James Nicholson

[Council to Grason.]

In Council April 12<sup>th</sup> 1779.

Sir.

We have received yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant by Cap<sup>t</sup> Bryan of the Dolphin; she has had all the Assistance we could give in loading with Expedition and now returns with the Plater, with a double Quantity of every Kind of Provisions you requested, a few Articles excepted, which were not to be had in Baltimore, and which are not thought to be materially necessary. It is our wish that you cruise three Months instead of two intended, provided Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson can prevail on his Officers and Men to remain so long in the Service. Frequent Complaints having been made to this Board that the sound is infested by a Parcel of daring Villains in a small Vessel and that some Vessels have actually been taken & others plundered by them; you are to send the Dolphin Tender, if she can possibly be spared with the Plater immediately up the Sound to cooperate with Col<sup>o</sup> Geo. Dashiell in endeavouring to secure the Vessel and Crew. Col<sup>o</sup> Dashiell shall be advised of this Order in Time to give every Assistance to the Dolphin & Plater and should they want Men, we have no Doubt of their getting Voluntiers for this necessary Duty

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

P. S. Order the Plater up as soon as {  
the Service is performed in the Sound }  
Commodore Grason.

[Council to W. Hemsley.]

In Council Annapolis 12<sup>th</sup> April 1779.

Sir.

We have received yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant. It will be required from the Men to make separate Depositions with respect to the Cloathing they have received from the State