

c. c. of Balt^o who appear to be Agents for that Board in conducting the Purchase and shipping off Flour & Grain to them.

We therefore desire that the said Schooner Bonner may be permitted to load with Grain & Flour or either of those Articles and afterwards cleared out in your Office for Boston, but previous to the Vessel's being cleared out the Persons who ship the Grain or Flour, as well as the Captain, make Oath or Affirmation, if a Quaker and indorsed on the Back of the Manifest of the Lading "that the Grain or Flour therein mentioned was shipped and received on board the within mentioned Vessel in Pursuance of the Orders of the Board of War of the State of Massachussetts and for the Sole Purpose and Intent of transporting the same to the State of Massachussetts to be there delivered according to the Order and Desire of the said Board of War." If, as probable, Mess^{rs} Hoofman and May should want Permits for other Vessels, advise them that we think it necessary they should write to us on the Subject. You'll give a Certificate to Cap^t Stiles of the Oath being taken on his clearing out &, for his Safety, we intend to add an Indorsement on his Papers, on his way down, which may satisfy any Body into whose Hands he may happen to fall, of the Exception in Favor of his being loaded with Articles generally prohibited

We are &^{ca}

The Naval Officer at }
Balt^o Town }

Friday 23^d April 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Jacob Norris of the 6th Regim^t Three thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service.

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Nicholas Martin Commander of the Sloop Porpus mounting 6 Carriage Guns 4 Howitz & 8 small Arms belonging to John Davidson & Comp^y Annapolis

Commission issued to Aquila Paca, John Love Thomas Johnson, William Smithson, John Archer, William Bond, Abraham Whitacre Ignatius Wheeler, James McComas, Sam^l Groome Osborne John Rumsay Mordecai Amos, Robert Amos, John Patrick, James Giles, James Philips, John Hall, Jon Craub, Aquila Paca jun^r app^d Justices of the Peace for Harford County also to Aquila Paca, John Love, John Rumsay, John Archer and Thomas Johnson appointed Judges of the Orphans Court for Harford County.