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[Council to Grason.]

In Council Annapolis 7<sup>th</sup> May 1779

Sir.

The General Opinion entertained here that the Gallies have been very useful and the Expectation that a great many Vessels designed for this Bay will, in a little Time, be on the Coast; The Merchants are exceeding anxious to prolong your Cruize a Month or two; they have applied to us with great Earnestness to concur in the necessary Measures to effect it which we have done, as far as we can. By Maj<sup>r</sup> Smith & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Young & Johnston who go down at the Request of the Merchants in Balt<sup>o</sup> we have sent Provisions sufficient, we expect, to answer the Purpose. We very much wish that your People may chearfully agree to stay longer and we are confident that you and your Officers, to promote a Service of such Consequence to the Public & many Individuals, will exert your best Endeavours to get them into a good Humour. If the Matrosses from Annapolis, who had the Governor's Promise to return in two Months, do not agree to stay longer, the Promise shall be kept, and we will send down others to relieve them, immediately on being advised of it. We have not seen the Plater, we want her up & wish you to send her.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Commodore Grason

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 7<sup>th</sup> May 1779

Gent.

The Assembly have left us a discretionary Power to sell Part of our Powder. We think the State might spare 15 or 20 Thousand Weight; it lies at Frederick Town. Not knowing how the Continent is supplied and having Reason to believe your Stock is not abundant; we have not yet disposed of any nor shall we of a considerable Quantity, 'til we hear from you, which we expect to do by the next Post. If there is any want of it for the use of our Army, the sooner it is purchased & delivered, the more agreeable to us. We shall be obliged to you for an Answer by the next Post to that Part of our Letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, which respects the Emissions called in; we wish to get those Bills out of our Treasury, as soon as we can

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Delegates in Congress