

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to William Benson seven Pounds p Acc^t passed by the Dep^y Aud.

Permission granted to M^{rs} Mariah Edmondson of this State to go with her Daughter to New York in order to get a Passage to Great Britain

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Frederick Baker commander of the Sloop Hero 40 Tons Burthen, mounting 6 Carriage Guns 8 Swivels, 2 Howitz & 14 small Arms, belonging to Richard Curson & C^o Baltimore

C. C.

[Council to Dr. E. Howard.]

In Council Annapolis 10th May 1779

Sir

We rec^d this Morning your Letter of the 9th M^r Nicholas Worthington & M^r Rawlings waited on us on the same Subject as that of your Letter. The Courts of Law can properly and only punish the Fact complained of and, as the General Court sits To morrow, there will be an early Opportunity of a full Enquiry. We are very sorry that any Excess should have been committed, but we fancy the Letter you inclosed paints the Transaction in Colours full strong and attributes Designs to those who were concerned which we hope they did not entertain. It may be of Service in preventing an easy Credulity from receiving ill founded & mischevous Impressions that some Gen^t of Weight in the Country would take the Trouble to come down and coolly enquire into the Views and Designs of those who have been concerned. We cannot but disapprove of any Degree of Violence and shall forbid, by Proclamation, any Repetition of it, but those who have engrossed or hold Quantities of Grain ought at the same Time to be influenced by the Dictates of Humanity and not drive the Necessitous to Despair. We believe the ordinary Power is fully sufficient to punish the past and that a little Moderation in those who have to spare and our Efforts would prevent any Irregularity in Future

Doct^r E. Howard

We are &^{ca}

C. B.

Tuesday 11 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Sutton Twenty seven pounds due him p Acc^t passed by the Aud. Gen^l

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John