

[Council to S. Purviance.]

C. C.

In Council Annapolis 20<sup>th</sup> May 1779

Sir.

In yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> you mention that salt Provisions may be had in Balt<sup>o</sup> for the Conqueror, on returning it or paying for it. We imagine that what was sent down in the Boat and returned would serve for some Time, it had best be so applied and if more is wanted that it had best be furnished out of that sent up in the Smallwood. The Officers you mention in yours of Yesterday are very agreeable to us. The Independence wants a good Deal done to her to fit her for a Cruise; the Men we have are at present, divided between her and the Chester; they, in Concert with our Fort might be useful against Vessels, the same End would be answered to you by the Baltimore & Johnson, they are gunned, we have them ready to send up to Indian Landing with Pork and some other Articles, but if you can get a Force to use them as Batteries, Baltimore Town may have them for that Purpose. If Men can be engaged to carry up the Balt<sup>o</sup> & Johnson and act in them in Case it should become necessary we will on this Occasion draw their Pay for the little Time they can be wanted, out of the Treasury & risk the Assembly's Approbation of our Conduct. The Stores proposed by Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson appear reasonable to us, we wish you to lay in exactly the same for the Chester, except the Meat which we can furnish here.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Purviance

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 20<sup>th</sup> May 1779

Sir.

From late Information, it is highly probable that the Enemy design to attack Baltimore Town, you are therefore hereby empowered & required to march immediately to that Place as many of the Militia of your County as you can arm, under proper Officers, to join the Militia assembling there and to act with them under Gen<sup>l</sup> Buchanan. You will exert yourself to get the Militia down as quick as possible, no Time ought to be lost, to expedite the Business, you would do well to send <sup>p. 259</sup> the Men off without waiting to march in Companies. You are not expected to go down in Person

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

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