

C. B.

Thursday 3^d June 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Steret jun^r Two hundred and sixty two Pounds ten shillings for the use of James Steret and also the further Sum of Sixty four Pounds two shillings and Six Pence for the use of Jesse Hollingsworth p Accounts passed by the Dep^y Aud.

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[Council to Gist.]

In Council Annapolis 3^d June 1779

Sir

We received yours of yesterday last Night, the Dolphin has just returned. She has been on Board the Ships supposed to be British Men of War; they prove to be two French Ships of 20 Guns each from Cape Francois to Baltimore with Salt and other Merchandize: They had twelve Days Passage; they say the Fleet from old France for this Bay, may be hourly expected. Our Bay being now certainly clear of the Enemy, the Militia must be discharged of Course. The Force assigned by the Gen^l Assembly to be stationed at Baltimore, is all that we can keep there, under the present Circumstances. We are very much obliged by your Promptitude to repair hither on this Occasion and are very glad that you are so soon at Liberty to return

We are &^{ca}Gen^l Gist.

[Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council Annapolis 3^d June 1779

Sir.

The Dolphins Return has entirely quietted our Apprehensions with Regard to the Ships in the Bay, they prove to be two armed Frenchmen of 20 Guns each from Cape Francois for Baltimore with Salt & other Goods: that give Hopes that the Fleet for this Bay from old France will arrive very soon. Governor Henry's Letter and other Intelligence having ascertained us that the Bay is clear of the Enemy, the Militia if any collected, must, of Course, be discharged. We request you'll advise us whether you have got, or are likely to get, the Arms &^{ca} from Cecil, we have got workmen employed on the Cartridge Boxes and shall prosecute it. Gen^l Gist & Col^o Smith both recommended Becons as Signals, we wish them to be erected

We are &^{ca}

And^w Buchanan Esq^r }
L^t of Balt^o County }