

dence ready to receive the Men & join you. You are to consider yourself at Liberty to run out to Sea or along the Coast Southward or Northward, as you may judge prudent and most to the Advantage of the Service, and in general regulate your Conduct by your own Discretion in which we have great Confidence, as may best answer the Intention of your Cruise which is, to afford all the Protection in your Power to the Trade and annoy the Enemy all you can.

We are &^{ca}

Commodore Grason.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

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In Council Annapolis 18th June 1779

Gent.

We have yet heard nothing farther of the Powder we offered to Congress, we have Opportunities frequently of selling, it in as large Quantities as we chuse, to private People: the Day before yesterday we let near two thousand Weight go at 40/. a^{lb}. but, learning in Conversation with M^r Plater the Congress are in Want of that Article, we have refused to part from any more, 'til this Day Week, when we expect an Answer. Private People now sell at 45/. If the Powder is really wanted, we should be glad they would send some Body to receive it at Frederick Town some Day between next Friday and the Wednesday following, the Governor will be there for several Days and can give the necessary Orders concerning it on the Spot. No Body has yet been down for the Cannon, we are sorry that we made an Offer of five nine Pounds which we have not got; there were so many sent to Indian Landing with the Eighteens. The Assembly lent the nines to the Owners of the Buckskin and they went out in her long ago. In the Return of Stores in March, long after they had been taken away the Officer carelessly returned them as stil there. We shall be obliged to you to mention both these Matters to the Board of War; the Mistake we were led into gives us Concern though we hope it may not produce any bad Consequences. The Assembly is to meet the 15th Day of next Month. Pray forward the inclosed to Col^o Marbury, it is from his Wife.

We are &^{ca}

Delegates in Congress

Saturday 19 June 1779

C. B.

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Patrick Hannan Four hundred and thirty four Pounds, five shillings on Account.