

Original

Marine Committee Nov. 13 1778

The Navy Board of the Middle District laid before the committee the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held relative to the loss of the Continental Sloop Hornet, John Nicholson Esquire Commander, Wherein the Court are of opinion that the loss of the Hornet was not occasioned by any neglect or want of spirit in Cap<sup>t</sup> Nicholson but in consequence of his being attacked by a force greatly superior to his own.

The Committee having read and duly considered the proceedings of the Said Court concur in Opinion that the loss of the Hornet was occasioned by her being attacked by a superior force, and that Captain Nicholson behaved as a spirited good officer.

Extracts from the Minutes  
John Brown Sec<sup>y</sup>

C. B.

Wednesday 30 June 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Serj Lamb 1 Coatee 1 p<sup>r</sup> Overalls, & 1 p<sup>r</sup> Shoes for a recruit named James Flint, enlisted by Ensign Burgess to be charged to the 1 Reg<sup>t</sup> & 1 Coatee & 1 p<sup>r</sup> Overalls for himself

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Cap<sup>t</sup> Beriah Maybury One hundred and Eleven Pound, Seventeen shillings & six pence due him per Acc<sup>t</sup> passed by the Dep<sup>y</sup> Aud. and also the further Sum of One hundred Pounds on Account.

C. C.  
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[Council to Col. Forrest.]

In Council Annapolis 30<sup>th</sup> June 1779

Sir

The Bearer M<sup>r</sup> Robert Swails, thinks it is in his Power to recruit Men in S<sup>t</sup> Mary's County and for that Purpose solicits a Warrant from this Board. He brought a Letter from Col<sup>o</sup> Plater, but not a sufficient Recommendation to justify an Appointment. The Col<sup>o</sup> writes, he is not acquainted with his Character, he is equally a Stranger to us and as we are informed, well acquainted with you. We beg your Opinion of his Prospect and the Propriety of appointing him

We are &<sup>ca</sup>Col<sup>o</sup> Forrest