

c. c. Advance of the Bounty Money, requested to be informed by the Council and myself, what was the Allowance from this State to the Recruiting Officers, alledging, I believe truly, that their Pay was not near adequate to bear their Expences on this Business; we informed the Gen^t that there was no State Allowance to the Recruiting Officers, beyond sixteen Dollars for each Recruit, but that we had no Doubt the General Assembly were well disposed to reimburse the Officers the actual Expences, at least, which they might necessarily be at in prosecuting the Recruiting Service, advised them to keep an Account of their Expences and promised to mention the Matter to you. I do it Gentlemen under a Confidence that the bare mention of it is fully sufficient. I beg Leave also to lay before you a Letter from Maj^r Nathaniel Smith. From verbal Conversation, from Time to Time, with several of the Officers of the Matross Company in Annapolis, they are under the like Impressions and entertain the like Expectations as the Officers of the Matrosses in Baltimore. I could wish, if it is your Pleasure to do any Thing for the Relief of those Gen^t that your Bounty may be clearly and fully expressed, without referring to what is allowed in the Army, of which I am, in most Instances, altogether uninformed and thereby prevent any Misunderstanding or Uneasiness from an Apprehension that the Construction of the Governor & Council is not so liberal as your Intention.

Gen^t Assembly.

[Council to W. Bordley.]

In Council Annapolis 2^d August 1779

Sir.

Your Letter of the 31st July with its Inclosures came to Hand yesterday. Chambers, by the 2^d Sect. of the 20th Chap. of Feb^y Session 1777, is guilty of Treason and so are those who have afforded him any Aid or Comfort, or have given him any Intelligence of the warlike Preparations or Designs of the United States or any of them. Wilmer's Deposition ought to have been more circumstantial, it does not mention how or in what Manner he was privy: his bare Concealment of the Treason of those who aided or comforted Chalmers, will bring him within the 3^d Sect. of the Act, and we think you ought to bind him over to the General Court. This Matter was no further before us than on a Letter from M^r Wilmer, desiring Sluby might be secured, and that he would impeach him of Treason, to which we immediately gave an Answer, advising him that an Oath was necessary previous to a Warrant's