

Lieut, Jacques Bagness first Lieut, and Isaac Rawlings 2^d Lieut C. B.
of the Company of Matrosses ordered to Camp by the General Assembly

[Council to Gov. Jefferson.]

C. C.

In Council Annapolis 3^d Sept^r 1779

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Sir

M^r Wallace, to whom the inclosed Letter was directed, laid it before us. William Cavenough, the Person who wrote it, is a Native of this State, he is a young Man who has been rather imprudent in the Management of his Affairs, and has thereby injured his Circumstances, but has not been suspected of Disaffection: he is personally known by two of the Gentⁿ of the Council. It is well known here that the Schooner, the Laurens, owned by Stephen Steward & others, commanded by Cap^t Harrison, went out to 'Statia in Company with the Brig Lively Cap^t Belt, the same or some of the same Persons principal Owners; that Cap^t Harrison died in the West Indies and that King who went out Mate, returned on the Coast Captain still in Company with Belt, that they were chased, King was taken Belt escaped and got into Delaware; that the Schooner, in her way to New York was run on the Jersey Shore and retaken by the Militia, and we have been informed that Cavenough went out & returned in the Schooner. All these Facts correspond with Cavenough's Letter and if, which is from thence probable, Cavenough with the three of the Privateer's Crew who are detained as Prisoners, have been sent on Shore for the Purpose & on the Terms he mentions, we are apprehensive that King and the other Prisoners may suffer the severest Usage. If you should with us Sir, believe that Cavenough's Account is true, we have Confidence that you'll take effectual Measures for the Relief of King and the others who may be now great Sufferers

We are Sir &^{ca}

Governor Jefferson.

Saturday 4 September 1779

C. B.

Present as on Yesterday, except Tho^s Sim Lee Esq.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Sands, Fifty eight Pounds, ten shillings due him \wp Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Kirby Fifteen Pounds for the use of John Annis due him \wp Account passed by the Dep^y Aud^r