

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Com<sup>o</sup> Thomas Grason one hundred and fifty five Pounds, five shillings for the use of Robert Johnson due him per Acc<sup>t</sup> passed by the Dep<sup>y</sup> Aud.

Commission of a Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to John Martin Commander of the Brigantine Tom Johnson 120 Tons Burthen navigated with 40 Men mounting 12 Carriage Guns 4 Swivels and 16 small Arms belonging to Johnson & Ridley & others of Maryland.

dated 25<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1779

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[Council to S. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 8<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1779

Sir.

We have just received a Resolution of Congress of the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant recommending to the Governor and Council of this State to permit as much Bread, Flour and Wheat to be exported for the State of Virginia as the said State may want for its public Supply. We have also received a Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> from Col. Sam<sup>l</sup> Griffin requesting that there might be enclosed to you the necessary Powers for the Purpose, you being appointed Agent by the Board of War of Virginia. There does not appear to us to be any Thing further necessary to empower you to execute this Business, but to give Permission to the Particular Vessels to load the Bread and Flour which you may purchase for and send to Virginia, which we shall grant on being made acquainted with the Descriptions of the Vessels you employ, the Names of the Captains and what they are to load with and Bond and Security being given to deliver the Lading to the Board of War and produce a Certificate here of its having been done, the Dangers of the Voyage excepted.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Col<sup>o</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith.

[Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 8<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1779.

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M<sup>r</sup> Francis Lewis on the 27<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1779, wrote the Governor from Baltimore that he was on a Visit to his Family then there, that as a Member of the Marine Board, he had been charged to inspect the fitting out some Continental Vessels, of which one was a new Vessel, fitting out for a Packet Boat, commanded by Tho<sup>s</sup> Read Esq<sup>r</sup> that she was pierced for 12 Guns, 4 pound<sup>rs</sup> "and, as no such Cannon could be procured at