

and empowered to empress as many Vessels and hands as will be necessary for transporting the Troops aforesaid with their Baggage from Annapolis to Virginia. To Capt. William Middleton.

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[Council to Henry Downes Esqr. Collr of Caroline County]

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Sir We feel sensibly for the Distresses of those who are in the Circumstances you describe. The Money which is directed to be levied is expressly applied by the Legislature and as the Law provides no Relief, it is in vain to apply to those who are incompetent to that Purpose. We have no dispensing Power, nor can we, in Virtue of our Office, for one Moment suspend the Operation of an Act of the General Assembly.

[Council to Jno Dockery Thompson Esqr Lieut Cecil County]

Sir Yours of the 31st we have received. Though the Law concerning Deserters is general, yet we think it never could be the Intention of the Legislature to include Deserters from other States, as no Benefit would arise to this State from them, they being subject to be taken by the State to which they belong. We think the Recruits for the Regiment Extraordinary are entitled to the Bounty of two hundred Dollars &^{ca} and in some Instances, we have issued the Money to them. Our Treasury is entirely exhausted, we therefore have drawn an Order in your Favor, on the Collector of the Tax for £6000 to enable you to advance to the Recruits. It is out of our Power at present to supply the Recruits with Cloathing we expect we shall be enabled to do it, by the Time they reach Chester Town, where those enlisted on your Shore are ordered, and where there are officers to receive, and Provisions made for them and you will be so obliging as to send those recruited in your County to that Place

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[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir We are informed by Cap^t Middleton of the State Boat Dolphin, who returned last Night from the Capes, that the Bay is entirely clear of the Enemys Vessels, unless those of the smaller Kind still lurk in the Neighbourhood, of the Tangiers. By Cap^t Middleton who went with the Arms & Ammunition entrusted to your Care, we are also informed that they were safely landed at the Head of Wicomico in Virginia Every Assistance in the Power of this Board, is afforded M^r Williams to enable him to execute his Commission. The Advantages & Convenience of purchasing in your County, in Preference to almost any other in the State, are apparent. We have no immediate Occasion for Capt. Howell's Vessel

[Council to Colo. Forrest]

Sir We request you will furnish Cap^t Middleton with an Officer and sufficient Number of Men to man the State Boat Dolphin, under