

December 19 [Council to General Gist, the Commanding officer at Baltimore.]  
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Two small Privateers are now in the Bay committing great Depredations on the Property of the Inhabitants of this State, we wish to prevent their Ravages and for this Purpose have engaged of M<sup>r</sup> Wallace the armed Sloop Porpus to go in Pursuit of them, if M<sup>r</sup> Steward, who has the Management of this Vessel concurs, we request you to furnish him with the Number of Men he may think necessary to Act as Mariners, the Advantages of this Expedition will entirely depend on Dispatch and Secrecy, we therefore request you to give M<sup>r</sup> Steward your Assistance

Ibid. [Council to James Calhoun, Esqr.]  
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We have an Offer from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wallace and Davidson of the Sloop Porpus to go down the Bay against some of the Enemies Vessels that are committing Depredations on the Property of the Inhabitants of this State on our furnishing her with Provisions Stores, we shall be obliged to you to deliver to M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Steward such Provisions as he may apply for the use of the said Vessel.

Ibid. [Council to Stephen Steward, Esqr.]

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wallace and Davidson have so far as they are interested in the Porpus, offered her to this Board, for the Purpose of going down the Bay a few Days, in Pursuit of two small Privateers now committing Depredations on the Inhabitants near the Mouth of Choptank River. We hope your Consent may not be withheld as it is probable these Pickaroons may be captured with Ease by a Vessel of her Force, if speedily and secretly fitted out for the Purpose; should you agree to lend her on this Occasion. We beg of you to exert yourself to the utmost improcuring Men and Stores for the Expedition at the Expencc of the State. We are fully of Opinion with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wallace and Davidson that it would be good Policy to give the Prizes to the Officers and Men, and would hereby engage to obtain a Resolution of the General Assembly to relinquish the Claim which the State might have in their Favor. General Gist or in his Absence the Officer commanding in Baltimore will furnish thirty Soldiers upon Delivery of the enclosed Letter, to act as Mariners on Board the Porpus and M<sup>r</sup> Calhoun M<sup>r</sup> Donnellan and Captain Keepots will furnish the necessary Provisions Arms Ammunition &<sup>ca</sup>

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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1780

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Callahan three pounds six shillings and seven pence half penny of the new Emission in lieu of one hundred and thirty three pounds five shillings due him per Account passed by the Dep<sup>y</sup> Aud.