

David Hunter of Calvert County being brought before this Board, according to an order of the 29th December last, and on Examining the Evidences touching the said Hunter's going on board the Enemy. The Board were of Opinion that the Charge was not supported and therefore Ordered that the said David Hunter be discharged.

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We were honored with your Excellencys Address of the 15 October Your allowing M^r Dorsey the highest current Price for the Flour that could be obtained and your Assistance in the Management of his Business and the Civilities shewn him demand our Acknowledgement. The motives assigned for the Detention of the Fox is fully satisfactory, and convinces us that no Blame is imputable to the Agent for the Delay. The Difficulty of procuring Military Stores and Cloathing in America for our Officers Army and Soldiers added to our earnest Desire to supply his Catholic Majestys Fleets and Armies with Provision have induced us to export the further quantity of Barrels of Flour in their Bottoms which we have consigned to M^r Dorsey and in Case of his Death or Absence to M^r Robert Smith a Gentleman of equal Merit and Integrity who we beg leave to introduce to your Excellency's Notice. If by means of your Excellency's Assistance and good offices, M^r Deney would be furnished with such military Stores and Cloathing as we have directed him to procure, it would contribute to the essential Defence and Supplies of the common Cause, and render supplies of those necessary Articles of which we have the utmost occasion, less precarious. It is our wish that these Vessels should be dispatched with the greatest Expedition, for if any extraordinary Circumstances should intervene to procrastinate their Departure it will be highly disadvantageous by depriving us of the Power our furnishing our Troops with Cloathing within the Time expected. We are well assured your Excellencys Inclination to promote our Interest will correspond with our Wishes to remove every obstacle which has not been dictated by indispensable Necessity to detain our Vessels in Port beyond the necessary Time.

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[Council to Robert Dorsey Esqr. Havannah.]

Ibid.

You will receive herewith Copys of the Agreement which we have entered into with Colonel Samuel Smith for the Brig Cato and I with Mess^{rs} Dorsey and Company for the Brig Fox and Schooner Nautilles each on a Voyage to and from the Havannah, likewise of the Terms on which those Vessels are to proceed to Cadiz provided you think it most to the Advantage of the State. This we apprehend will depend in some Measure upon your being able to obtain Bills for what may remain in your Hands after loading the Vessels