February 26 there to be examined & repacked at the expence of the State and to Liber C. B. deliver what may be good and Merchantable to John Dorsey and p. 49 Company agreeable to the weight, in payment of so much flour purchased by the said Company for the Cargo of the Nautilus.

p. 50 Nathaniel Ramsey Esquire appointed Commissioner to preserve confiscated British property in the room of William Paca Esquire who has resigned

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[Council to Capt. Gibert Middleton.]

You are to proceed with the Powder Arms and Ammunition which you have taken on Board your Vessel, To Talbot County, which you are to deliver to the Lieutenant of that County and take his receipt on their Delivery. You are then to proceed down the Bay to the relief of William Middleton, who is immediately to return to this Place and make his report. You are also to endeavour to make the best Observations in your Power of the situation and Designs of the Enemy; and to that End we recommend your Going to the French Fleet near Portsmouth where we apprehend the most authentic Information may be procured. You are to remain below in the present Service until you are recalled by this Board, if Nothing material occurs.

Ibid.

[Council to Mr Thomas Donellan.]

We have determined to return the Flour, saved of the Cat[o]'s Cargoe to Col. Samuel Smith and have to request you will deliver it as fast as it is repacked and reweighed to him or his Order.

Ibid.

[Council to Daniel Hughes, Esqr.]

We are desirous of bringing about the Exchange of the Mate of the Kitty captured by the Nesbit and confined in Baltimore Goal for M^r James Tucker Mate of the Nesbit and Prize Master of the Kitty now with the Enemy at Portsmouth and for that End request you to deliver the Mate (whose Name is unknown to us) to Col. John Steward

Ibid.

[Council to Luther Martin Esqr.]

Agreeable to the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 1st of Feb. 1781. We request you to commence Suits immediately in the p. 71 General Court against the Several Collectors and their Securities, who appear by the enclosed List of Balances obtained from the Treasurer of the western Shore to be in Arrear to the State. We have wrote to the Commissioners of those Counties who have neglected to make returns to the Treasurer to do it instantly.