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[Council to Donaldson Yeates]

It is not in our Power to spare the Barge she is immediately wanted for the Defence of this Place and to transport the Troops stationed here to their small [several?] Posts, we therefore, request you will order [her?] here immediately. We highly approve of the Spirit which we understand prevails in your County and would most chearfully spare the Barge could we do it with any Propriety

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Ordered that the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to William Applegarth Three hundred pounds for the use of John Dorsey & Co. on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o Henry Hollingsworth five hundred pounds on Account.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Peter Carns four pounds seven shillings and six pence due him per Account passed by the Dep^y Aud.

Commissions issued to Richard Ridgely appointed Capt. Thomas Duit 1st Lieut. William Clem 2nd Lieut. Mark Alexander jun^r Ens. James Howard second Lieutenant of Capt. Michael Crane's Company belonging to the Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

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[Council to William Hemsley, Esqr.]

Yours of the 10th Instant we have received and cannot but lament the Event of Success in the recruiting Service in your County, Mr. Samuel Dyre Button is appointed to provide for, and receive all Recruits raised in Queen Ann's County; It is thought most advisable to order all recruits in the State to rendezvous at this place and Baltimore as you will see by ours on that Head to you. We are of opinion that no Person should be recived as a Recruit but a Man capable of bearing the Fatigue attendant on a Soldiers Life and such as the Law directs able bodied &^{ca} Tho the Law is express that no Person shall be commissioned unless he has born or bears the Rank to which he is recommended yet we have thought it necessary to depart from it, convinced that few or no Select Militia will be raised unless it is done; and therefore [upon] the Return of the Enrollment agreeably to law and your Recommendation of the Officers they will be commissioned.

Ibid.

[Council to Joshua Beall, Esqr.]

We received your letter of the 17th with the Prisoners, it gives us Pleasure to hear that the Militia turned out with Spirit and Alacrity on the Enemy's Appearance in Patowmack and of their good Conduct