

April 28 erected and built with all convenient Speed, Capt. Keepports is ap-
 Liber No. 78 pointed to the Command and we have appointed you Capt. Lieutenant,
 p. 147 we request you will attend immediately, should you not accept of
 the appointment you'll let us know as soon as possible.

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James Hutchings was brought before the Board in consequence of the Warrant which issued against him last Saturday, and the Charge contained in the said Warrant being read to the said James Hutchings and the Witness produced against him examined in his presence and the said James heard in his Defence. It appeared to this Board as well by the Confession of the said James Hutchings as the Testimony of the said Witness that the said James Hutchings did on the 25th Day of this Instant go on board of one of the Ships of War belonging to the Enemy without Leave of this Board. Thereupon ordered that the said James Hutchings recognize with one [] Sufficient in the sum of three thousand pounds each for the said James Hutchings's Appearance before the General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore on the second Tuesday in September next and not to depart the same without Leave of the Court.

James Hutchings and Gilbert Middleton severally acknowledge themselves to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of three thousand pounds each Gold and Silver to be levied of their Bodies, Goods, Chattels, Lands and Tenements in case James Hutchings does not make his personal appearance at the next General Court to be held on the Eastern Shore to answer to such Matters and Things as shall then and there be alleged against him.

John Rawlings of Queen Anns County acknowledges himself to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland in the full and just Sum of five hundred pounds Specie to be levied of his Body, Goods, Chattels Lands and Tenements in Case he does not make his personal Appearance at the next General Court to be held on the Eastern Shore to Testify against James Hutchings charged with going on board a Vessel belonging to the Enemy without Permission in writing from the Governor and Council.

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[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

We have directed Capt. Edward Day M^cComas to wait on you with two Prisoners, William Groves and his Son, William Groves, who are charged with illicit and treasonable Practices. We beg you will order the Prisoners under a proper Guard as Capt. M^cComas is solicitous to be relieved from his Charge.