

draughted is indigent and has a wife and Child or having two or more small Children who depend on his Labour only for Support or where he is debilitated by sickness or rendered incapable of performing military Duty by other Infirmity; we have requested the Lieutenant to give a Discharge, and therefore wish you to enquire into all such Complaints, and if they are well founded to discharge the Draughts.

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p. 230

[Council to John Smith Brookes.]

Ibid.

We have yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant and have sent you by M<sup>r</sup> Landsdale forty Pounds which as well as that formerly sent you, is to be passed as Specie, and only for Expences incurred since the 19<sup>th</sup> June last, all prior Claims are to be adjusted by the Auditor and a Certificate granted for Specie we are much surprized you have said nothing about the Cattle or taken the least Notice of our Order of the 26<sup>th</sup> ult. to forward to this City immediately, and are at such a Loss to conjecture the reason for such Inattention, when we informed you the Troops at this Post were without flesh Provisions [and from?] that Cause they are now Suffering and already to mutiny, we therefore again direct that you forward to this Place with all possible Dispatch forty Head of Cattle to be delivered to John Crysall Commissary.

p. 231

[Council to Andrew Buchanan, Esqr.]

Ibid.

Commodore Grason came into the Harbour this morning with three of the Barges from the Eastern shore which we have reason to believe were the Vessels with the Barge they took and the two schooners retaken that Arthur Cunningham Saw, whose Deposition we yesterday enclosed you, the Commodore the Day before yesterday was as low down as Hoopers Straits and neither saw nor heard of any Vessels of Force of the Enemy being up the Bay, he took one of their Barges off the Mouth of Patuxent, and chased two others among the Islands where they escaped, owing to their Barges drawing less water than those he commanded.

[Council to Colo Samuel Smith.]

Ibid.

We enclose you the Petition of William Ridgway and a Certificate from Charles Fox. The Petition informs us he was fined by a Court Martial in the year 1779 in the Sum of ten Pounds Specie for which the Sheriff had executed him, that he belongs to a Company in Ann Arundel, and that he never was warned in nor before a Court Martial to take his Trial; he also informs us that the Sheriff offered to take eight hundred Pounds of Tobacco for the Fine imposed on him. We request you will make Enquiry into this Transaction, and if you find the Allegations set forth in the Petition to be true, that you will desire the Sheriff to suspend the Collection of this Fine until you can give us Information on the Subject