

This Requisition is occasioned by Information received Yesterday that Six of the Enemy's Barges have entered our Bay and proceeded as far up as the Tangier Islands. The Barges equipped by this State advanced to attack them, but on their Approach within one hundred Yards, the principal one commanded by Captⁿ Walley, took Fire and blew up, our other three Barges made their Escape, one of which arrived here last Evening, the other two we expect to day. It is, Sir, of the greatest Consequence to this State, that these Barges be repelled, and driven out of the Bay; if suffered to remain, not only the Commerce of our Bay will be totally destroyed but our Farms and Plantations exposed to Plunder and Desolation. We have every Thing to hope from your polite and obliging Disposition and the Spirit and Valour of your Officers and Men; and when we consider what an Opportunity now offers, of displaying to the Citizens of this State the important Advantages of their Alliance with your illustrious Monarch, we flatter ourselves that the General Assembly will be rendered happy by your Concurrence with their Requisition. Our Barges will be got ready at this Place to accompany your Naval Force and will be under the Direction of your Officers. As the Enemy are now in the Bay, every Hour they are suffered to remain must be productive of some Calamity and Distress to our Citizens.

With Sentim^{ts} of the highest Regard &^{ca}

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Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Beale Hammond ninety seven pounds, eleven shillings specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State, to be charged to the Continent per Account passed.—

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Presuming that the Barges will be kept in Service, and that the Assembly will either condition to supply the Men with Cloathing, or that the Men will gladly take those you have purchased, in Part of their Pay, we have no Objection to the Contract you have made with Col^o Forrest.

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Ibid.

We received your Letter of the 30th ult^o enclosing an Account from the Surveyor of Frederick County and requesting our Opinion as to the Propriety of the Charge of a Journey Fee for each Lott in Monocacy Manor. Upon considering the Subject, we think the Charge not warranted by Law and improper. To prevent the Imputation of Inconsistency in this Board, we esteem it incumbent on us to