

December 26 to his Brother who is a Prisoner in New York, with liberty to
 Liber C. B. return.—

No. 24 Whereas Robert Dashiell Captain of the Barge Terrible and Zadock
 P. 370 Botfield Lieutenant of the Barge Fearnought, are charged with highly
 unbecoming and improper Conduct in the late Action with the Enemy
 in the Bay of Chesapeake :

Ordered that the said Robert Dashiell and Zadock Botfield be and
 are hereby suspended until further Orders.—

December 26 [W Paca in Council to Captains Frazier & Spedden & Lieut
 Liber No. 78 Haddaway]
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We request you would immediately reinlist all the Men belonging
 to your Barge, to serve until the first Day January seventeen hun-
 dred and eighty four ; and as an Inducement for the Men chearfully
 engaging, you may assure them that they will be constantly kept in
 Pay during the Barge Equipment, and will be allowed to go to
 their respective Homes on Furlough during the Severity of the
 Winter Season, after they return from the present Expedition, which
 will not be above ten Days or a Fortnight. You may also further
 assure them that they will be paid their last Month's Wages, before
 they sail on the present Expedition.

Ibid. [W^m Paca in Council to Thomas Harwood Esq^r Treas^r W Shore]

The General Assembly have passed a Resolution, directing Lieut^r
 Robert Denny to pay to the Governor and Council five hundred
 Pounds Specie. You will be pleased to receive that Sum, to be
 applied to the Equipping the Barges.

Ibid. [W^m Paca in Council to Lieut^r Robert Denny]

The General Assembly have passed a Resolution, directing you to
 deliver immediately to the Governor and Council, five hundred
 Pounds Specie, out of the Money received by General Smallwood
 for the Recruiting Service. You will be pleased to deliver the
 Money to the Treasurer of the Western Shore.

Ibid. [W Paca in Council to Maj^r John Davidson]

The Enemy's Barges being still in the Bay, and committing Depre-
 dations upon the Inhabitants on the Shores, we find it necessary to
 send down our Barges (under the Protection of a French Vessel of
 Force) immediately after them. The Cruize will not last more than a
 Fortnight, if so long, and as our Barges are not completely manned,
 we must request the assistance of some of the Continental Soldiers
 at this Post, 25 will be sufficient. We will stand between you and
 all Censure ; and as an Encouragement to the Men, we will engage