

to pay them on their Return at the Rate of £3. p^r Month in Specie, it being the same Pay which the Barge Men receive, and the Money they receive shall not be deducted from their Pay as Soldiers.

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Saturday 28th December 1782

Present His Excellency the Governor.

Benjamin Stoddert Jeremiah T. Chase & James Brice Esquires.

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Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Jun^r two hundred and fourteen pounds, four shillings and six pence specie out of the money appropriated for the Barges to be advanced to the Officers and men of the Barge Protector in part of their pay on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Conway, seventy pounds eleven shillings specie for one Years Interest due on two Cert^s issued agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State.—

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Lyles for the use of Col^o William Lyles eight pounds, seventeen shillings and eight pence specie due him for Interest on the Balance of a Certificate issued agreeable to the Act afores^d.—

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Lawrence O'Neal seventy pounds eleven shillings and eight pence specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State adjusted and passed 9 May 1782.—

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Ordered that Capt Dashiell and Lieut Botfield attend this Board at half past five O'Clock this Evening to answer for their Conduct in the late Action with the Enemy's Barges and that they bring with them such Witnesses and Evidences as they may think proper for their Defence.—

Ordered that the Officers of the several Barges also attend at the same time with three of the most intelligent men from each of the Barges to give Evidence. Ordered that Lieutenant Handy of the Barge Protector also attend at the same time.—

Commission of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Tho^s Conway Commander of the Schooner Salley one hundred and twenty six Tons burthen navigated by 14 men, mounting six Carriage Guns belonging to William and Henry Lyles of Alexandria in Virginia.—

Capt Dashiell and Lieutenant Botfield having attended agreeably to the order of this Day. The Board proceeded to an enquiry into the Conduct of Lieutenant Botfield in the late Action with the Enemies Barges in Chesapeake Bay, and upon full Consideration of the Case it was determined that Lieutenant Botfield be reinstated in his Command.—

At the same Time The Board made Enquiry into the Conduct of Captain Dashiell, but postponed a Determination thereon until further Order.—