

[W Paca in Council to The Commanding Officer of the Maryl^d
Troops at Frederick Town]

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The Enemy's Barges have done considerable Mischief in the Bay, and we are apprehensive they will attempt to destroy the State Ship, building at M^r Stephen Steward's Ship Yard; to prevent which we request you will, immediately upon Receipt of this Letter, send to Annapolis 30 Men, under the Command of a proper Officer, to be stationed at West River, for the Purpose of guarding the Ship.

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Present as on Saturday.—

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued to Stephen Benzett commander of the Brigantine Hibernia fifty Tons burthen navigated by fifteen men, mounting four Carriage Guns, belonging to Pringle & Wilson of Philadelphia and also to Robert Ewart Commander of the Brigantine Eagle one hundred and sixty Tons burthen, navigated by twenty four men, mounting five Carriage Guns belonging to Thomas Russell and others of Baltimore.—

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Since writing the enclosed, we have Reason to apprehend, that the State Ship is in immediate and imminent Danger, and therefore we beg you will lose not a Moment in dispatching the Party of Men we directed you to send to Annapolis. If you can spare 40 Men, and leave a sufficient Guard over the Prisoners, you will send 40 in Stead of thirty.

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Present His Excellency The Governor

Benjamin Stoddert, Gabriel Duvall, James Brice and John Hoskins Stone Esquires.—

Ordered that M^r Shaw furnish Serjeant Suit with Arms and Accoutrements and Ammunition, for ten men to Guard the new Ship building at M^r Stewards.—

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Luther Martin Esq^r forty seven pounds, two shillings and one penny specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State per Cert^s adjusted—

Permission given to Col^o Robert Ballard of Baltimore to solicit Leave of His Excellency General Washington or the Commanding Officer at Dobbs's Ferry for the purpose of transacting Private business and to return.—