

February 17 Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> John Shaw Armourer, deliver to Lieut<sup>t</sup> John  
 Liber C. B. Lynn eleven Muskets, three Cartridge Boxes, and twelve Musket  
 No. 24 Cartridges for the use of the Detachment of Maryland Troops under  
 p. 387 his Command ordered to Guard the State Ship at West River, building by M<sup>r</sup> Steward.—

February 17 [W Paca in Council to Honble Intendant.]  
 Liber No. 78

p. 414 We have thought it proper to order a Company of Men from Fredrick Town, to be stationed at M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Stewards, for the Protection of the State Ship. It will be necessary to supply them with Liquor, and we therefore request you to order to be purchased for their Use, 50 Gallons of common Rum, Brandy, or Whiskey. We presume, Liquor may now be purchased on some Months Credit.

Ibid. [W Paca in Council to Honble Intendant.]

We shall be obliged to you to procure and deliver to Capt<sup>n</sup> John Lynn 2 Pair of Shoes and 11 Shirts, for a Detachment of the Continental Line ordered to West River, for the Protection of the State Ship.

February 18 [Annapolis to Commodore La Ville Brune]  
 Liber No. 78

p. 414 The Chevalier de la Luzerne was so obliging as to order the Pole Cat to Cruize in our Bay, for the Protection of our Commerce and Defence of our Citizens, who were exposed on our Shores. I should have been happy to have seen the Captain of the Pole Cat, on his Return, and to have learned from him the Situation and Force of the Enemy, but altho' he anchored off the Harbour, I was deprived of that Happiness.

It is Sir, with great Concern, that I am obliged to solicit a farther Assistance from His most Christian Majesty's Naval Force; Every Day brings fresh Intelligence of the Enemy's Depredations in the Bay and on our Shores. There are now an armed Schooner and two Barges in the River Patuxent, committing the most wanton Depredations. I hope Sir, you will be pleased to direct the Pole Cat down to our Relief and to order such other Assistance as you can possibly spare, and which may be calculated for such Service. It is not indeed, improbable but what the Enemy may direct their Operations against this City, unless we can have some Defence by Water

February 19 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 1783.  
 Liber C. B.

No. 24 Present His Excellency the Governor,  
 p. 387 Benjamin Stoddert, Gabriel Duvall & James Brice Esquires.—

February 19 [W<sup>m</sup> Paca in Council to The Merchants of Baltimore Town]  
 Liber No. 78

p. 415 You cannot be strangers to the Depredations daily committed by the Enemy in our Bay. Not content with interrupting our Trade, they