

Monday 8 February 1779

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Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esq

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Dashiell one thousand one hundred and sixty four Pounds, four Shillings & nine Pence per pay list and also the further sum of forty one Pounds thirteen Shillings & six Pence per acct. passed by the Aud. Genl.

That the said Treasurer pay to Com^o Thomas Grason ninty Pounds the Bounty paid by him to the following Seamen, Richard Savoy, John Williams, John Thomas, Richard Foster, Daniel & H Carr, James & Hogomey forty Dollars each

That the said Treasurer pay to Commodore Grason four hundred Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Plank for the use of the Marine of this State to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esq. One thousand five hundred Pounds on Account.

Tuesday 9 February 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard & Honour One hundred and sixty six Pounds, twelve Shillings & six Pence amt of acct passed by the Aud. Genl.

The Governor & Council have not been able from the Difficulty of getting Men in the Marine Service to make the Gallies answer their wishes or public Expectation; the Reason is obvious enough to Men of Business in the Mercantile Way. The Situation of the Trade under every exertion necessary and the Governor and Council are willing to use every Power they have towards protecting it. From the whole of the Conversation with a W. Smith, a W. Puviance, a W. W. (line) and Capt. Nicholson the Governor and Council entertain an Opinion that the most effective Force that can be soon put in Motion will be two Gallies with a Tender and perhaps an armed Vessel of 10 or 12 Guns. The Governor and Council cannot fit out the two Gallies and Tender without 50 Hands (about half of them Sailors) & would better the Service by all the Difference. If the 50 Hands can be furnished, for three Months by the Gentlemen in Baltimore on private Expense the Gallies & Tender will be soon ready and shall cruise just within the Cape

with!