

Month, you are to take the command of the whole force and with it proceed  
for the protection of the Trade at and about the Capes, We expect that the Virginia  
and New Jersey are acting or ready to act in the same service and it is our wish that the  
whole force may join and pursue the common object in concert. Capt. Nicholson  
having taken a temporary commission with a view to give all assistance in his power  
the Officers under him having engaged from the same laudable Motive and your  
inclination and our judgement having been consulted in offering and naming the  
Chester we entertain the most sanguine hopes of perfect Harmony prevailing and  
that the force under your direction will be employed so as to produce all  
the effect which can be reasonably expected from it. We do not intend to be  
very particular in our instructions to you, it might injure the service, you will  
endeavor to annoy the enemy all in your power, you may think proper to run out  
at times and to the Southward and Northward of the Capes, act in this as your  
judgement and discretion may lead you - If you should make any captures  
it is desirable for several reasons they should be sent into this State - Advise  
us frequently of your situation — To Com<sup>r</sup> Grafton — .

Basil Wright a private in Capt Campbell's Company of artificers, being  
in a very weak state of Health he is permitted to go into the Country for one Month  
from this time —

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1779

Present as on Yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Alexander Freeman  
of the Fifth Maryland Regiment in the Cont<sup>r</sup> Service, One hundred and Fifty Pounds  
to him for Resolve of the General Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Abraham Haw, One thousand, One  
hundred and forty two Pounds, Eleven shillings and One Penny due him on Account  
of Building the Barracks, One hundred and forty five Pounds, seven Shillings  
and Eight Pence, and also the further sum of Sixteen Pounds, two Shillings, and  
one Penny due him for Purchasing Cloathing for an<sup>t</sup> passed by the Aud<sup>r</sup> Genl.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Wilson, Seven Pounds one  
Shilling and four Pence for the use of Abraham Clark for an<sup>t</sup> passed by the  
Aud<sup>r</sup> Genl

(Ordered)