

Whereas it is represented to this Board by Robert Buchanan Assistant Commissary of Purchases in this State that he hath now stored in Baltimore Town a Quantity of Salt to the amount of about ten thousand Bushels purchased for the use of the Continental Army and now the property of the United States and it appearing to this Board that if the Time of the Enemy now invading the State of Virginia should as this is reason to be apprehended be employed against this State the said Salt would be hazarded. This Board are of opinion the said Salt ought to be removed to different places for its greater security. Wherefore you are hereby directed and empowered to impress Boats, & Hulks and other small Vessels and their Hands sufficient for the transportation and removal of the said Salt to such places in this State as the said Robert Buchanan or the Commissary General of Purchases or such Person as shall act under him shall on this Behalf direct and all the said Vessels are to be discharged within the Time limited by Law.

To the Clerk of Baltimore Town

You are hereby unpowered and directed to impress any Number not exceeding ten Waggones and sufficient Horses for the same for the removal of the Continental Colour now in Baltimore Town to places in its neighbourhood of more Security discharging such as you may impress according to Law and impressing others in the stead of such as you shall so discharge so as to keep up the Number of ten impressed Waggones on that Service until it shall be done.

Ordered that John Bullen Esq; Quarter Master provide Quarters sufficient for the accommodation of four hundred men in the City and a neighbourhood of Annapolis.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to James Howard Two thousand five hundred Pounds to be expended in the Purchase of Wheat & Barley for the Continental Army, on Acc't.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Benjamin Brooks of the 3<sup>d</sup> Maryland Regt one thousand Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & charged to said Regt.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Silvan Williams of the 2<sup>d</sup> Regiment one thousand Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service & charged to said Regt.

The General Assembly having resolved that the Governor and Council should select and set apart out of the Maryland Navy two Gallies and one Boat such as they should think proper for the use of this State and that they should sell and dispose of the Ship Defence and such of the other Gallies and Boats as the Governor & Council have thought proper to select and set apart the Galley Conqueror and the Galley Chester for the use of the State, have sold the Ship Defence & taken the other Gallies out of Commission & advertised them for Sale. Thomas Walker having been Capt of the Baltimore Galley till who was put out of Commission as mentioned before war. Discharged from the Service of the State for the Laws before named & no other.

Wednesday 19 May 1779

Present as on Yesterday — Thomas Jun Lee Esq; Attended

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury Fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col: Peter Waters Six Pounds for the use Isaac Handy & one Pound for the use of Jas<sup>t</sup> Lathum per Act<sup>t</sup> passed by the Dwy Asd.

(Ordered)