

that he may not be obstructed in your State from visiting on the General and
request, if it should be necessary, that you would be pleased to grant him a Passport,
which, we dare say, will not be abused, to General Washington.

We are Sir with great Respect

To His Ex^{ty} Thomas Wharton Jun^r
Presid^t of the Executive Council of
Penn^asylvania

Yr Excellency's most obed^t
Humble Serv^t

My cards of the City of Annapolis is here by permission to pass through & from this Place unopened

Sir

In Council Annapolis April 5th 1777

It seems to us, unlikely that you much increase the Number of your
Men in Baltimore; you are therefore directed to bring the Defence down here where
12. after we receive your Report, of the State of your Crew, we shall give you such further
Orders as we think best.

Capt. Cooke. —

We are Sir Yrs

Sir

In Council Annapolis April 5th 1777

We expected you would, by this Time have been down with the Languester; if
any new Difficulties have occurred you ought to advise us of them. We presume your
13. Galley is at least so far fitted as that she may be worked about the Bay to exercise the
Men, if she is you are to come to Annapolis for Orders. If she is not, write us
immediately what is wanting. —

Capt. David

We are Sir Yrs

Sir

In Council Annapolis 6th April 1777

In answer to yours of the 5th Inst we shall be glad to see Capt. David's
Galley down as soon as may be and have wrote him for it. As you cannot get
14. Hand by the Time she is ready to leave, Detach Capt. David must assist with
some of his People — We shall lay the State of Capt. David's Brig before the
General Assembly and hope they will direct what shall be done with respect to
her, being of Opinion we cannot lay out any great Expence on her whilst Capt.
Stone's Claim exists nor continue her a trading vessel in her present state at an
almost certain Loss to the Public; wherefore it is our Desire her Land may be
discharged and we decline the Purchase of Tobacco with a view of loading her.

We have given an Order for the two thousand Pounds as you request.
15. Mr. Jesse Hollanquarth. — We are Sir Yrs

P.S. The Arms you mention to have been delivered you by Capt. Martin belonging
to this State, you'll please to find down by the first Opportunity

Sir

In Council Annapolis 6th April 1777

We received your Letter of the 5th Inst and General Papers which we
shall communicate to the General Assembly, we think it incumbent either
to strengthen the Brig or to incur the Expence of the Repairs you mention on a
15. ~~Copy of the same~~ without the Advice of the Assembly and therefore desire the
Brig may be discharged as soon as may be. — The Freight ought, according
to the ~~Usage~~ and the Usage of Business, to have been paid on the Delivery