

99. Sir, We have inclosed you a Commission for the Trial of all Treasons committed on the Eastern Shore and also a Copy of the Act under which the Commission is issued. We were induced to send the Commission to Queen Anne, from our Expectation that the Public and the accused may rely on a fair and impartial Trial. We are informed that your County Goal, as most of the Goals on the Eastern Shore is but indifferently calculated for the Keeping of Prisoners, wherefore we have not as yet, given Orders for the Removal of those who are here, but as soon as we know of the Time you appoint for holding the Court we shall send them over to the Sheriff, with a Power to call for a Guard, if he judges it necessary. We shall be obliged to you to inform us of the Time you may appoint for the holding of the Court, as well as of any Thing you may think necessary to be done by us, if any Thing should appear to you necessary, to enable you to proceed in this Business. We have inclosed you a great Number of Depositions, which we presume may answer the Purpose of Information to the Prosecutor, what Witnesses to summon, and Lists of such as have been discharged and of such as have been bound for good Behaviour and to appear, when called on; such as we have discharged, we have permitted to take the Oath of Fidelity, which, in Effect, we designed as a Pardon, the Ends of Justice and Example not requiring, in our Judgment, Prosecutions against them.

We are &c.

Colo Wright, Purcutt Wright
& Others }

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1777.

10. Sir, The Bales of Shirts you sent down by Capt. Maybury, got here last Night, if there's any Mistake in the Number (500) you shall be informed of it. We suppose the Congress and the Officers in the Cloathing Department will be well enough satisfied with your Charge of these Shirts as delivered to us. We shall give Credit for them and charge them as delivered out to the Colonels. It would be much to our Ease and Satisfaction, if it would, in every other Respect, suit as well, that the Cloathing should go through the Hands of the Continental Officers only; that takes up a good Deal of our Time and Attention. If any further Vouchers should be thought necessary, we will furnish it.

We are &c.

W. Saml. Purviance Jun^r

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1777.

11. Gent, The Sackets are come down by Mr. Maybury, we suppose the A.D.C. they are to be applied to the Use of the Continental Troops, and we imagine that the Deputy Quarter General at Baltimore might as well draw the Money here and pay you at once for them and for what you furnished to Col. Gist; if we pay you, we must draw the Money from the Continent; however, if you have any Difficulties in getting your Money from the Continental Officers, we will pay you out of our own Treasury. The Cloathing of the Troops is a troublesome Business to us, and we wish the Continental Officers to make it as little so as possible.

Mess^{rs} Young & McCreary }

We are &c.