

Sir

75. Capt. Walker requested our Directions to you, as to finishing the upper  
Works of the Vessel you are now building for the Public, whether we would have  
it done in the Ship or Galley Fashion; he says he thinks it would not be incon-  
venient to you to delay the Finishing of her till the one Capt. Walker is in is rigged, if  
we should be glad you would delay it till an Experiment can be made, by which  
it may fairly be determined which is best. We cannot procure Men for this  
already in the Water, so that the Public will not suffer by the Delay. If you  
cannot, with Convenience delay the finishing, we are inclined to think it  
best to do it in the Manner of a Ship.

W<sup>th</sup> Geo. Mells }

We are &c.

Sir

In Council Annapolis 28<sup>th</sup> May 1777.

76. If you judge it necessary to have the Galley down, it had best be done  
immediately. If Mr. Hollingworth will supply you with what Bread you want  
out of the Public Bread at Baltimore. We suppose whilst your Galley is heaving  
down, Capt. Walker may well accommodate the Men and save the Expence of Board  
every possible Saving is necessary. Mr. Piercy tells us two of the People have the  
Small Pox and that a good many are to have it. We think it would be well to  
inoculate such as have not had the Small Pox immediately.

Capt. John David }

We are &c.

Sir

In Council Annapolis 28<sup>th</sup> May 1777.

77. We had received the Resolution of Congress empowering us to appoint  
Superintendants of the Prep, but were not informed of the Necessity of a new  
Appointment, till by Mr. Calhoun, who mentioned it to the Governor in Frederick  
Town last Week, but he could not tell who, except Mr. McKubin would probably  
act, and promised, if he should be able, on his Return to Baltimore, to mention  
Gentlemen of Character who would attend that Service, he would do so by line.

We inclose an Appointment, too much by Guess. If any of them will not  
undertake the Business or should grow tired, we shall be obliged to you to  
enquire and advise us who may, with Propriety, be put in the Stead of such.

The Congress have said nothing further to us relative to the Qualification  
of the Superintendants, than what is contained in the Resolution itself; we  
imagine the Oath <sup>being</sup> taken before a Magistrate and in your Presence, and so  
certified, and transmitted by you to Congress and a Duplicate to us, will  
be fully Satisfactory and therefore we recommend it.

Michael Willigas Esq<sup>r</sup> }

We are &c.

Major Gulford.

In Council Annapolis 28<sup>th</sup> May 1777.

78. There is too good Ground to suspect that an Intercourse is carried on between  
the Disaffected amongst us and those of the same Character to the Southward & Northward  
of us. The Public Safety requires our Vigilance. We are informed that Mr. William Brown  
and Mr. James Anderson are about to set out for Philadelphia; you are to go to Bush  
Town, and there search for all Papers and Letters they may have with them, and  
if you find any Papers, conveying Intelligence, bring them to the Person