

1079. he has never told us that he had or would, two Men we know were discharged, and
as they and their Securities represented, on the Terms of giving Security in 100 Dollars
each to return again in a short Time or find a Man each, and this two or three
Days after the Service of the Order. We have waved the Point of Satisfaction
to us, in our Letter to the Committee, not that we thought Nicholson had
complied, but we are unwilling to be the Occasion of dismissing an Officer, from
whom many have great Expectations. We are Sir Y^{rs}
William Pica Esq. }

Sir

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777.

80. We are truly concerned at the Accident that has happened to you and
much wish your perfect Recovery, whether you serve again or not, we esteem
you an active Officer and think you have merited well of the Public. We
had wrote you in answer to your former Letter and sent it by the Post, we
inclosed you your Commission back to you, advising you that General
Washington had the Settlement of Rank. We do not know from your
Last, whether you desire a Captain should be appointed in your Company, in
your Stead, and are unwilling to understand you so, therefore have left it in
its present State. William Clarke, who was appointed second Lieutenant
is lately gone up and Jos^a Hanson, who was a Cadet in Gates's Company,
being appointed Ensign, and on the Spot, we hope the Company will not
suffer. Mr Crum tells us you have advanced Money for Ferriages,
Carriage Y^{rs}. Inclose us the Account proved, and so far as it ought, it
will be paid here. We are Y^{rs}
Capt. Fred^d Deams. }

Genl

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777.

81. We received Mr Beall's Letter from Baltimore, and were much pleased
to find, as we thought, our Goods, especially the Medicines, had arrived from
Peterburg at Baltimore; we sent to Baltimore twice and found that some Dry
Goods had arrived, which were claimed by Mess^{rs} Young & McCreary, but no
Medicines. We wrote you by the Post on the other Points of the Letter, and
if the Stay of this Post would allow it, we would send you a Copy, though we
hope before this, you have the Original. We shall endeavour to get Mr
Young's Order, though we think, if the Genl. who has the Goods requires it
before he will deliver them, he is more particular than he need be. . .
Mr Van Bibber has no Right to dispose of our Tin, or any other Article
of ours, to Col^o Aylett. We want the Things ourselves and hope Col^o Aylett
will not think of touching them. These Goods purchased by Mr McCreary
were bought with the Money of this State, and Mr Young's Name inserted
merely for Safety, as Mr McCreary thought, and we are exceedingly surpris'd
that Mr Van Bibber should attempt to dispose of any of them. . .
Mess^{rs} Norton & Beall. } We are Genl. Y^{rs}