

No 83. The latest account we have of it is, that 3 or 4 only had deserted and ~~about~~
many dead; the Company was full or nearly full when it marched. We have
appointed the 11th of June, for the Meeting of the Assembly. We are
William Paer Esq. We are Yea

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777.

Sir This we expect will be delivered to you by Capt. Alexander Trueman of Col.
Williams's Battalion of this State. Mr. Paul Parker was recommended as an
84 Officer in the Proportion of Troops of this State and accordingly had a Power to
recruit as such and eight hundred Dollars delivered to him by the Commission.
He was appointed a Lieut. in Capt. Trueman's Company and, as the Capt. says,
was successful, having, according to the Accounts he gave his Captain, raised
upwards of thirty Men. Mr. Parker afterwards refused to serve in the Batt.
in which he was appointed has accepted a Lieutenancy in one of the fifteen
Regiments and carried his Recruits with him. From what we learn, this is
one of several Instances of such Conduct and that several of the Gentlemen
who have been appointed in the fifteen Battalions have made flattering
Offers to the Subalterns who had successfully recruited for the Proportion of
this State to carry the Men they had enlisted, into other Regiments. Capt.
Trueman thinks he is entitled to the Men recruited by Mr. Parker and requests
us to have them given up to him; we think his Pretensions are well founded
but know of no Method of effecting it but by an Application to you, and
therefore give you this Trouble, which we wish we could have avoided.
Genl. Washington We are Yea

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777.

Sir. Mr. Calhoun some Time ago wrote us that Capt. Boucher informed him that
85 one Capt. Laurence Sanford of Alexandria a Man of Reputation who was taken
by the Roebuck, on board of which he saw the two Goodrich's, who escaped from
Baltimore Jail, told him that they effected their Escape by bribing the Sailor
and that it cost them 600£. We shall be obliged to you to have Capt.
Sanford's Deposition taken and all Circumstances that his Memory retains
inserted to lay a proper Foundation for putting the Sailor in the Goodrich's
Place; we need not remark that the more Privacy this is done with, the better
Colonel. Noce. We are Yea

In Council Annapolis 31st May 1777.

Sir You are to proceed with the Langueon to this Place with all Dispatch, fitted
86 as well as you can, and apply to Capt. Walker for his Men to go with you.
We may probably give you Orders here to proceed farther.
We are Yea

P.S. If Capt. Walker is about rigging his Gally, and it should be necessary,
he will keep two or three of his Men.

Capt. John David.