

In Council Annapolis 2^d June 1777.

On considering the Subject of your Letter of the 25th we find ourselves a
no 87 good and unencumbered; if it could be done with Propriety, we should gladly send you
another Commission with an Addition of two Gentlemen who would act with you,
as such an Addition seems desirable by you and is probably so to M^{rs} Brown
and Thompson, but we think issuing a new Commission whilst one is
outfitting which may be executed, is irregular. If you have proceeded in
the Execution of the Commission, we do not think we can send another, but
will send a Commission to a Clerk; if the Gent. will recommend, was a proper
Person to be got here, we should, on your Intimation of your Difficulties on
this Head, have commissioned him immediately. If you have not proceeded
in the Commission and it should be more agreeable to you and the other Gent.
who will act, to have Assistance joined with you, we will send a new Commission
on a Return of the old, with a Certificate that no Person hath qualified, and
should be obliged to you to mention who you think will be the most
proper for Clerk &c. We wish to do what is strictly legal in this Affair,
but if there should be any Opinion entertained that a new Commission
cannot issue properly, we imagine the Assembly which is to meet the eleventh
of June will, before any Trial can be had, aid the supposed Defect.
Inclosed is a list of Persons in Custody. We have scarcely had an Hour to ourselves
since the Receipt of your Letter which we hope will apologize to you for
a seeming Want of Attention. We are &c.
J. Wright Esq^r.

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Sir.

Capt^t David's Galley is wanted on a Piece of Service, he wants Men
and says you have about 18 at Baltimore belonging to your Galley. You
will put them into Capt^t David's, or about 15 of them, and they will be
soon returned again to you. We are &c.
Capt^t Matthews.

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Sir. Capt^t David's Galley is wanted on a Piece of Service, he wants Men,
and says you have some at Baltimore belonging to your Galley. You
will put them into Capt^t David's, or as many of them as can be spared,
and they will soon again be returned to you. You are also to be attentive
to, and have as particular care taken of the Men who will be left
pick at Baltimore by Capt^t David, that they want for nothing in his
Absence, as if they belonged to your own Galley.

Capt^t Walker, or
Commanding Officer of Balt^t Galley.