

In Council Annapolis 10th June 1777

110. Capt. David sends his Boat for his square Sails, he also ~~sent~~ ^{sent} the four Pound and double headed Shot, which are at your Yard, you'll please ~~send~~ ^{send} them we want to fit Capt. David for Action.

Mr. Stephen Steward.

We are Yea.

Capt. David.

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As you inform us that the Conqueror is now fit for Service, we are desirous that her Efforts may be exerted to clear the North Channel of the Capes of the armed Vessels which we are informed have lately infested it, we presume you are stronger than any of them. We learn that the Brigate Virginia lies in York River, wherefore you will first go there, advise with Capt. Nicholson as to your Plan, from him get Assistance in Men, if necessary, and act in concert with any Force that he may have the Direction of. We expect that some of the Virginia Gallies may probably join you, but we do not intend by this Instruction to take from you or your Officers, any Part of the Command on Board your own Galley, but only that you act as one Vessel, if any join you, under the general Command of the oldest or superior Officer, if any older or superior to yourself. If the Virginia is gone, so that you cannot consult with Capt. Nicholson it will be well, if you can, to get one or more of the Virginia Gallies to join you. Get a good Pilot or two, if to be had; write us, if any Opportunity and by all Means cultivate a good Understanding with those who act with you, and remember that nothing can be more dishonorable than Disputes about Points so big with Disgrace & Ruin to our Cause & Country. We expect your Stay to be but short, we rely on your Discretion and wish you Success and Honor

We are Yea.

Capt. John David

In Council 14th June 1777

112. Sir In answer to yours of the 13th by Capt. Emory we expected you would make Use of our Provisions, as we supposed you could not be otherwise furnished. A Commissary will be immediately ~~appointed~~ ^{wanted}. Capt. Emory tells us you had some Thoughts of employing your Quarter Master in that Department; we have no Objection to him or any Body you may approve, but imagine the Congress will not approve both Trusts being in the same Person. If you have not a Man more to your Mind, John Draine has been mentioned as a proper Person, he, last Year, acted for some time on the Eastern Shore and, perhaps, some of your Officers may be able to inform you how he acquitted himself. If you can go to Philadelphia we think it the most likely Way of getting Arms to your Satisfaction and other Articles you stand in Need of, such as we can furnish we send by Capt. Emory with a List; we have been disappointed in the Funds we are sorry they are no better, they are all alike. We have sent our Delegates of the Arms from Time to Time but, ~~without~~ ^{without} Success,