

In Council Baltimore 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1777

Sirs

No. 100. We do not incline to send another Commission in the Stead of Capt. Handy. If he is, as we are informed, a proper Man, it will be very difficult to induce us to part from him, as an Officer. You have inclosed several Commissions where there were Resignations. Genl. may, perhaps, now resign and, hereafter be desirous of filling Commissions; but we desire wherever there shall be a Recommendation of a Person who shall have had before resigned, that the Reasons of the Resignation may accompany the Recommendation.

As we judge Cambridge the most proper Place for the Imprisonment of the Tory Prisoners, we request such as are taken in your County may be sent thither. Genl. Washington, we hope & expect, will not want the Assistance of your County Militia, we are sorry there is so much Occasion for them at Home, and therefore countermand the former Order for their marching, but we wish them to be frequently exercised and prepared as well as you can, to do effectual Service, if necessary. The Conduct of those People who have already experienced Severity and falsified the solemn Assurances given to the Public, leaves them no Room to expect a further Forbearance and if they or others should again assemble in Arms, we are of Opinion that Force ought to be preferred to Entreaty and Advice.

Joseph Dashiell Esq. Lt. of }  
Worcester County

We are Sirs Yrs

In Council Baltimore 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1777

Sirs

No. 107. We have issued the Commissions to the Officers of Captain Grahame's Company, as you requested. If, as we imagine, the Fleet is gone quite clear of you, so that Negroes &c. may not probably follow it, we would have the Militia discharged - We write to Mr. Carroll's Agent at Annapolis about the Mulatto Man & Boat, if they belong to Mr. Carroll, you'll be pleas'd to deliver them; if they do not belong to him, we request you'll have them secured and advertized: The Mungetts &c. we esteem the Property of the Persons who took them and would either have them divided, or sold and the Money divided amongst them, as they may agree.

Benj<sup>a</sup>. Mackall Esq. Lt. of }  
Calvert County

We are Yrs

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 1777

Genl

No. 108. A principal Reason for our removing from Baltimore was our not being able to pay the Public Debts for want of a Board to examine & pass the accounts. We find the same Difficulty here, and for want of your settling to do Business, have been oblig'd to draw Money from the Treasury in several Instances, on account to repay Money advanced the Public. Several People have been waiting in Town two or three Days for you and we have hitherto told them, as we imagined, you might be soon expected, but they are as weary of hearing as we are of giving that Answer, and request you'll furnish us with one, if not more satisfactory, at least more decisive To the Board of Auditors.

Yours Yrs