

Opportunity and, if your Stay should be any Time, send an Express. —  
No. 2. We are Sir

General Orders.

Annapolis 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1777.

The Row Gallies *Conqueror*, *Baltimore* & *Independence* under the Command of Capt. Cook, of the Defence, are to proceed from *Lower* to the Sound on the Eastern Shore and there act in concert against the Enemy now infecting those Parts of the State. If the Enemy remains from thence, the *Conqueror* and *Independence* are to return to Annapolis, and the *Baltimore* is to continue there for the Safeguard and Protection of that Part of the State, til further Orders. — All Officers to bear Rank and Command according to their Commissions and their Dates or the Times noted thereon of their coming into the Service of the State. —

Nothing being so essential to the Success of an Enterprize and the Safety of the Whole, as a due and ready Obedience to Command, it is expected that every Officer will be careful in that Particular, and if it should happen that any Difficulty should arise about Rank, it must not grow into a Difference, as all Pretensions will be heard with Patience and decided with Justice. —

Capt. George Cook. —

In Council Annapolis 24<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1777. —

Sir

We are informed by Lt. Col<sup>o</sup> Adams, that one Roach, who lives at or near Vienna, and is now at large in those Parts, has been in the Enemy's Service, acting on Board a Tender and was taken on Board Capt. Byas's Boat with several others, when she was retaken. We have no Oath before us, as to the Truth of the Report, or we should send for Roach, but it is highly proper his Conduct should be enquired into and, if culpable in the Manner represented, that he should be prosecuted. We therefore request you will send for Byas and take such other Measures as may be necessary to investigate this Matter. Your own Prudence will make it unnecessary to observe that your Enquiry should be as private as possible, that Roach may not hear you are taking Measures against him til your Warrant is executed, if you should think proper to issue one. —

We are Sir Yrs

William Ennals Esq<sup>r</sup> Dorchester County.

Sir

In Council 28<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1777. —

As we understand you do not intend to hold your Commission of Lieut. in the *Matroses* longer than the third Day of next Month, we think it proper to inform you that you are not to consider yourself as an Officer, after your Receipt of this, for it can answer no Purpose to serve for a few Days only, and we shall take the first Opportunity we have, to appoint an Officer to our Satisfaction

We are Sir Yrs

Lieut. Tho<sup>s</sup> Todd. —