

much rather dispose of them for the Public, than for private Use. The
No 80. Enemy took a fine Tobacco Shop belonging to this State, in Potomac
the other Day, they grow more venturesome than heretofore, and we are
apprehensive, if not checked, will put an End to the little Trade we
have.

We are Sirs &c

Governor Henry.

In Council Annapolis 10th Feb^y 1778.

81. Sir
Mr Wallace laid your Application for leave to go into Philadelphia
before this Board. Nobody has had a Pass into Philad^a from us, on
any Occasion, nor do we think it proper that any of the Citizens of these
States should be permitted to go in, to ask Favours of the Enemy.
We have therefore refused to assist several People on the Eastern
Shore to obtain leave of Gen^l Washington to send into Philadelphia
after their Negroes, and we hope those who have lost them, will
be indemnified, without going after them.

Mr Gabriel Christie
Harford County -

We are Sirs &c

Sir

In Council Annapolis 10th Feb^y 1778.

82. There have been several Applications, besides yours, for leave to go into
Philadelphia after Negroes who have been taken away, but we
have refused to give any Pass or recommend them to Gen^l Washington
for that Purpose, from the strongest Conviction of the Impropriety
of suffering the Citizens of these States soliciting Favours from the Enemy, nor
is it at all likely the Negroes would be restored, but by Representations
that those to whom they were given up, were friendly disposed towards our
Enemies. There is British Property enough within this State to make
full Amends for all the Negroes taken away and, we hope the Sufferers
will be indemnified, without their going to Philadelphia.

Mr Nathan Nicholson

We are Sirs &c

Gen^l

In Council Annapolis 17th Feb^y 1778.

83. We wrote a few Days ago to Mr Surratt Wright, desiring him to send, by a safe Hand,
the Papers respecting the Insurgents which, we expect, he has done. The Adjournment
of the Court seems to us not only proper, but, as Things have turned out necessary.
About the Time of issuing the Special Commission, we appointed Mr Benj^a Galloway
Attorney General and had no Doubt of his acting, but he has since declined that Office
we have been very solicitous to get it filled to the Public Satisfaction, but the
Gen^l of the Board have shown great Backwardness to undertake it. We have
appointed Mr Luther Martin of Somerset, but whether he will accept or not
we do not know. We send his Commission by Mr Baker, who is to forward it by
Express; his Answer cannot, probably, be known to you or to us, before the Court is
to meet, according to your last Adjournment, wherefore, we think it will be best to
adjourn the Court again til a few Days after the first of March, by which Time you
will have got your immediate hurrying ^{Partly} ~~Partly~~ of your Affairs and Mr Martin
Resolution may be known. We will him to advise you ~~of your Affairs~~ as well as
To the Justices of the Special Court
on the Eastern Shore.