

In Council Annapolis 11th April 1778.

N. 103. Sir. The Dolphin goes up for such of the Virginia's Crew as are at Baltimore. The Plates will lie ready for a Part of them, If it can be done instantly. We perhaps the Dolphin's Bottom had better be cleaned in Baltimore. we wish to see her return as quick as possible, with a full double set of Men. It had better be given out that the Design is to Man the Johnson Galley. If Capt Nicholson is gone to York, we hope he has said enough to make this intelligible. We are &c.

Capt James Nicholson or the 1st Officer now at Baltimore of the Virginia

In Council Annapolis 12th April 1778.

N. 104. Sir. Circular. We wrote you heretofore, desiring you to advance and keep in Advance the Recruiting Officers in your County, under the late Act, forty Dollars for each of three Recruits. We now desire that they may be kept in Advance for three Recruits the full Bounty, that is, keep each of them in Hand one hundred and eighty Dollars in the Whole, and if any of our Regular Officers should raise Recruits and have them passed agreeable to the former or the inclosed Act, upon their Receipt on the Certificate we would have you pay them the sixty Dollars Bounty. We hope you have qualified yourself to receive the Assessment Tax and that you have already received fully sufficient for this Purpose, if you have not, pray exert yourself, that the Recruiting Service, which it is the Duty of every Man to forward, may not suffer for Want of Money. We are &c.

To the Sheriffs of the several Counties

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N. 105. Sir. Circular. We inclose you several Copies of the Act to procure Troops for the American Army, one of which is designed for each of the Field Officers of your County, which he pleased to distribute. the others of them for the Magistrates and those who are more immediately concerned in the Execution of the Law. We very much wish a proper Spirit may diffuse itself through out the State, so that the Number of Recruits we want may be made up by voluntary Inlistments and in order that there may be a Supply of the Bounty Money, the inclosed Letter to the Sheriff of your County, containing Orders to him to pay the sixty Dollars Bounty on your Certificate or the Certificate of a Field Officer, for every Recruit you or he may pass, agreeable to the Act. All Recruits and Substitutes within your County, we request may be delivered, as soon as may be, to any of the