

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1778.

Sir

No 197. Capt. Charles Caulston has waited on us and tells us that the Company over which he was appointed Captain is, in your new Disposition of the Militia, broke and divided between Daniel Creapis & Charles Clinton's Companies. We have never received a Return from you of any of the Militia beyond Sicking Creek and wish to have it as soon as may be, that the Officers may be commissioned, and the Militia to the westward put in the best State, that they may be ready at any Time to act in their own Defence, if, as is too likely, it should be necessary. We think as Capt. Caulston's Company is a frontier Company, it had better be kept entire, unless there are Reasons against it which do not occur to us and which we request you will mention, if you should still think it proper to break that Company. Captain Caulston also mentions that you desired him not to call on his Company to meet and exercise because, we suppose, of your Intention to divide it as mentioned before, but, til the new Commissions are issued, his is certainly in Force. The Number of Men to be raised in your County was fixed on the Number of the two lower Battalions only, and we are apprehensive that the Conduct of the Indians may make it necessary to strengthen the upper Part.

We are Sir Y^{rs}

P.S. Capt. Caulston says that he was arrested by Col. Barrett's Orders and carried before you, as if under Orders from you, but that you had given no such Orders, We do not know what could be the Occasion of it, but thinks it ought to be inquired into.

Col. Danl. Hughes.

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1778.

Sir

No 198. We have 50 Ah^{ds} of Sol^o on Board the Baltimore Gally, designed for the Molly. That Vessel will want 20 or 25 Ah^{ds} more and will probably be delayed for want of them, unless we can get them some where convenient. Can you lend us that Number any where in this Neighbourhood? if you can, do send us an Order for them.

We are Y^{rs}

Mr. Stephen Steward.