

In Council 15<sup>th</sup> May 1778

Sir

N<sup>o</sup>. 199.

The Sheriff of Barford informs us that as soon as the Regular Officers give Receipts for the Substitutes, he pays the fifty Dollars bounty which is agreeable to our Intention in our Instructions to him, and all that we can or ought to do. The Recruiting Officers are not entitled to the fifteen Dollars for Substitutes. We imagine, with you and every where else, the getting more Men into the Service, as Recruits, is at an End, and the few Days before which the Burthen is to fall on the Slaves, will probably, nearly expire before they reach you: wherefore it is not worth while now to send up recruiting Warrants. Your Letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> of April on this Subject, came to Hand only today.

We are &c

Col<sup>o</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Dallam

In Council Annapolis 15<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

Sir circular.

200.

It appears to us an Object of the greatest consequence to enquire and forward the Continental Provisions from the Head of Elk and its Neighbourhood. We have not been favoured with any account of the Number of Militia furnished by Kent, Cecil and Barford County, in consequence of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 8<sup>th</sup> of April and our Orders of the same Day. We are informed by Col<sup>o</sup> Hollingsworth that the Occasion of having the Guard of Militia will continue beyond the Time those are to stay who are employed in that Service, wherefore we direct a Relief of two Companies of the Militia of your County to be got ready and marched against the Time of those on Duty expires, to be made up of the Class or Slaves to serve next in Turn, but if it has been judged that a less Number will fully answer the Purpose, then you are to supply only your Proportion of the necessary Number. We shall be obliged to you for an Answer to this and to advise us when you judge the Service will allow the Militia to be discharged, that they may not be uselessly burthened.

We are &c

To Colonels  
William Bordley, Charles Rumphey }  
and Richard Dallam

In Council 15<sup>th</sup> May 1778.

Sir

201.

Capt. Lanway Having declined serving us any longer in the Molly, we were at a loss for a Capt. for her: Mr. Van Ribber undertook to procure one who might be depended on and we left the Terms to himself, he agreed with Capt. David Deshon, and agreed to have the Freight of two M<sup>ts</sup> Privilege, Freight of his own Goods, fully the Privilege of his Venture out Freight free back, in what Articles he pleases except Salt, and that he should draw one fourth of the Ammissions. Capt. Van Ribber says Deshon might have had any Vessel in Baltimore, and we have no Doubt but he is very clever. We think it proper to give you this Information, left open with the Captain and are Sir &c

W<sup>m</sup> Richard Harrison, Master