

In Council Annapolis 21st May 1778.

219. Sir James Robinson, who was by you adjudged a Nigrant, under the Act, has put in a Demonstration and Complaint against your Decision. From the Papers laid before us, we should have been inclined to set Robinson at Liberty, but for the suggestion, in your Certificate, that it was offered to be proved on Oath that the Indenture to Mr. Steens was entered into to serve Robinson. You properly judged that the Matter turned on that Fact and, if there is any Proof of it, we are desirous of having a Deposition made of it and transmitted to us. In the mean Time we desire that Robinson may not be sent away, but have an Opportunity of examining the Witnesses who may be sworn to prove the Indenture's being entered into for the Purpose before mentioned and, on his giving Security to appear here, that he may be at Liberty to prosecute his Appeal. —

We are &c.

Col^o. William Haslet
Caroline County —

In Council 22^d May 1778.

229. Sir, The Voluntary Offer of the Militia of Annapolis to go on the Service requested by His Excellency General Washington, necessary to be performed at and in the Neighbourhood of the Head of Elk, is very acceptable. You are to proceed with the Company in the Vessel provided for that Purpose to the Head of Elk, where you'll join the other Militia engaged in the same Service and be with them under the Command of Charles Dumfry Esq^r. Lieutenant of Cecil County. When the Service is ended, which is expected to be very short, you will be discharged, and your Company is to return again by Water, if a Vessel can be hired or preped for the Purpose. You will be careful to return the Public Arms & Accoutrements you receive and we request you will also bring with you the 100 Stand of Arms sent up yesterday in the Independence Galley. Col^o. Dumfry on your Request, will, we expect, have those 100 Stand put up again, if taken out of the Chests at all, and delivered to you. If, contrary to our Expectation, the Matter should be spun out, we shall take Measures to relieve you. —

To Lieutenant John Davidson.