

Annapolis 27th May 1778.

Capt. Ross.

You are to proceed with your Schooner to Patowmack Creek in Virginia and there apply for and load as much of the Continental Park as your Vessel will carry. I do not know whose Care the Park is under, or I would write to him. You are to take a Memorandum of the Quantity, signed by the Person who delivers it to you; with it you are to proceed to the Head of Elk, deliver it to Col. Henry Hollingsworth or his Agent and take his Receipt. If you should be disappointed in getting the Park at Patowmack, in your Way down, call on Mr. Bernard O'Neal on Wicomico, St. Mary's County and take in the Provisions he has, or any other Public Stores, so as to make a Load or as near a Load as you can, taking Acct. and delivering them as above.

Capt. Ross.

In Council Annapolis 29th May 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you an Order to employ a Number of the Militia, not exceeding forty, similar to that issued to Queen Ann; if Volunteers can be got, the better; if the Occasion should cease, you will immediately discharge them. You have also an Order for Provisions for their Subsistence; pray regulate the issuing them in such Manner as to prevent Waste. Frugality is absolutely necessary.

We are &c.

P.S. Capt. Falconer says he understands Theodore Morris, who is said to have been in Philadelphia, is come down to Kent or Queen Ann's County and talks of the Enemy having 25,000 Men. It is very improper such People should be suffered to go about the Country. Pray make Inquiry and deal with him according to Law; if he should be in Queen Ann's, write to Col. Stemsly.

Wm. Bradley Esq. St. of }
Kent County

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1778.

Sir.

We request you to carry the inclosed Resolve into Execution, by making Sale, in the most advantageous Manner, of the Sails of the Snow Champion

We are &c.

vide Resolve of the Genl. Assembly 28th March 1778

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St. Kent County