

In Council Annapolis July 7<sup>th</sup> 1778.

209. Sir. The Gallies Johnson & Independence and the State Boat Dolphin are to proceed to Alexandria on Patowmack to receive Provisions for the Army which they are to convey to the Head of Elk and deliver to Col<sup>o</sup> Henry Hollingsworth. It is expected, Directions will be left at Alexandria by Mr Thomas Richardson of George Town, if none should be there, an Officer should go up to him immediately. Although we have Reason to think the Enemy's ships are not, at present in the Bay, it is uncertain how soon they may be and the Officers in these Vessels, cannot be too vigilant and cautious in avoiding any Danger there may be.  
Commodore Graison.

In Council 20<sup>th</sup> July 1778.

270. Sir. By the Resolution of the Assembly, the Money issued on account of the Eastern Shore Militia is to be first applied; We wished to be ascertained whether the Application has been accordingly made. Col<sup>o</sup> Hemsley by his Letter, has a Sum of Money in his Hands, received from the Treasurer last fall, and from his not mentioning the exact Sum, we suppose he has not settled his Account; with the Com<sup>o</sup> we incl<sup>d</sup> will you a general Order, on which we expect you'll receive three or four hundred Pounds. We send you also by Col<sup>o</sup> Chambers £2000. which we hope will be sufficient to discharge the Militia Claims and wish to have the whole Accts and Vouchers returned to us as soon as may be that proper Charges may be made against the Continent and that if any Money received from the Eastern Shore Treasurer or Mr Paca, is not accounted for, the Persons who received it may be called on.  
Ezekiel Farnham Esq<sup>r</sup> We are &c<sup>a</sup>

In Council 16<sup>th</sup> July 1778.

271. Sir. You are to proceed with the Gallies Longuevar and Chester, the Boats Plater and Imilia and the two Vessels taken up on this Occasion, to Cambridge and there receive into your Charge the Crew of the British Frigate Mermaid now Prisoners of War. The Prisoners are to be distributed amongst the Vessels with a View to Convenience and Security, your own Disposition and Prudence, we flatter ourselves, will make it unnecessary for us to give particular Directions as to your Treatment of the Prisoners; with them you are to come too off the Harbour of Annapolis, where you are to receive further Instructions.  
J. J.  
Commodore Graison.