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291. Sir, One James McDonell of the second Maryland Regiment, who is a Substitute for nine Months, is stopped here as a Deserter, he says he had a Furlough which he left at your House, but cannot tell from whom he received it. Presuming you are a Friend of his, we desire you will bring or send the Furlough to us soon if you have it, otherwise he will be sent to Camp as a Deserter. We are &c

W^m Geo. Walker near
Bladensburg

In Council Annapolis 17th Aug^t 1770.

292. Sir, We are desirous of sending the Defence a Voyage to Nantz, and of placing you Captain in her; we therefore request you'll come over and converse with us on the Subject We are &c

Capt. James Thomas.

In Council 17th Aug^t 1770.

293. Sir, By an Act of the General Assembly of this State passed in October Session, it is directed that there be set apart by the Governor & Council the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand Dollars out of the first Money collected in Virtue of that Act, that can be spared from Defraying the necessary Expences of this State, to comply with the first Quarterly Payment, according to the late Requisition of Congress - The Expences which have been incurred in the Course of this Year have been chiefly on Account of the United States and are very considerable, Our Treasury is in such a State that we cannot, at present, pay in more than fifty thousand Dollars, which are set apart according to the Act and will be paid at any Time to the Order of Congress. It is unlikely that this State will be able to pay in any Thing further, til the 20th of Nov^r when a Heavy Assesment is to be paid into the Treasury, which will, we expect, fully answer this Year's Quota of this State. We are Sir &c

John Gibson Esq^r Aud^r Genl.

In Council 10th Aug^t 1770.

294. Sir, We received your Letter of the 20th July by Capt. Irving. We are sorry that we have no better Means of securing atrocious Offenders, and that we can with Propriety, do nothing more than to approve your Conduct in placing a Guard over the Prison, and desire a Continuance of it. It was mentioned in the Course of last Session, to empower the Governor and Council to remove Persons committed for Capital Offences, from the County Jails to which they might be committed, to others of greater Security, but the

Law was not given
George Washell Esq^r
Lieut of Somerset County

We are Sir &c