

In Council Annapolis 13th Feb^r 1779

Circular.

373. Sir. The pressing Demands of the Army for Flour have forced us to call the Assembly to meet the second Day of March; The Occasion would not allow us to consult our own Inclinations or the Convenience of the Gentlemen, to all of whom we write, in Hopes that a General Attendance at the Day will prevent an insufficient Attendance to the few who, otherwise may be delayed for Want of a sufficient Number of Members.

We are Sir &c

Members of the Gen^l Assembly }

In Council Annapolis 15th Feb^r 1779

374. Sir. You'll find the Conqueror Galley to Baltimore Town and leave her in the Care of Capt. Nicholson who will have her thrown down and put in Order; let an Inventory be taken of what is in her; the Captain and the Men may return again in the Plater. If, as perhaps may be the Case, Capt. Nicholson should have no careful Hands to take immediate Charge of the Galley and Stores, an Officer and two Men may be left with her.

We are Sir &c

Commodore Grason

In Council Annapolis 15th Feb^r 1779

375. Sir. We send up the Conqueror Galley and as we do not know who may be recommended to go in her, we request you'll take the Trouble to have her put in Order. The Dolphin is gone for her Masts, she is expected to return to Day and we hope to have her ready in time. The Commodore wants a Sail or two made for the Chester, be so obliging as to have them done. If you want a Hand or two to take care of the Galley and her Stores, we have directed that an Officer and two Hands should be left for that Purpose.

We are Sir &c

Capt. James Nicholson

In Council Annapolis 16th Feb^r 1779

376. Gent. We inclose you a Letter received this Morning, by the Governour in favour of Park Angel Morningstar, against whom a Verdict has past on an Indictment for Stealing. The Reason intimated why two Gent only joined in the Representation is, that those were the only Magistrates then in Town who sat on the Trial. We exercise no Act of Government with so much Pleasure as extending Mercy, where the Circumstances of the Case warrant it and should have been inclined now to have issued a Pardon but that, with your concurrence, the rest of the Magistrates who were present at the Trial may, if they think proper, join in a Representation of Morningstar's Case; wherefore we wish that the Proceeding against Morningstar may stand in its present State, or, at least, that no Punishment be inflicted until the Matter may be laid before the Governour by all the Magistrates who sat on the Trial and Mercy exercised, if it shall appear proper.

We are Sir &c

To the Justices of Frederick County }