

In Council Annapolis 17th Feb^r. 1779

We request that you'll furnish the Galley Langquero with any ^{Number} that may be thought necessary of the Matrops Company in Baltimore not exceeding a Lieutenant, a Sergeant, a Corporal and sixteen Privates. We expect this Service will be agreeable to the Officers and Men.

We are &c

Major Nat. Smith.

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370. Sir. We hoped to have got the Langquero off on Monday, she went off, however yesterday Morning and expect she got up last Night; we expect the Chester will be ready before the Langquero can get down. We have recommended the Langquero to Capt. Nicholson's care, as also the Dolphin to have her Masts fitted. It is very agreeable to us that Capt. Nicholson should command the Langquero, the Moderation he has shewed is highly praiseworthy in him and pleasing to us; we had no Idea of either of our Captains commanding Capt. Nicholson: the Commodore goes in the Chester and from his Disposition we expect the greatest Harmony; we have no Objection to putting in three Lieutenants for this Service. We shall most cheerfully recommend any Application for giving the Whole of the Prizes to the Captors, nor doubt the Success of it, so that we do not esteem it of any very great consequence, what they would be entitled to under the subsisting Regulations, though we believe it is the same as in the Continental Service. Bread, Flour, Meat, Ammunition and Musquets shall be all ready here to be put on Board instantly; we are preparing for the Chester and the like Provision will be made for the Langquero. We shall be greatly at a Loss for a Surgeon unless one can be got from Baltimore, it is desirable that one good one should go, and a Mate, we have only one belonging to our Marine and we expect nothing further of him than to act as a Mate. Inclosed you have a Line to Maj^r. Smith to furnish what of the Matrops may be wanting a Lieutenant, Sergeant, Corporal and not exceeding fifteen Privates.

We are &c

Sam. Purviance Jun^r.

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379. Sir. Inclosed you have a Copy of a Resolution of the General Assembly: to enable us to comply with it, we shall be obliged to you to transmit to us an exact Account of all public Stores under your Care, and if you know of any others in your County except those in the Hands of (Major Smith or Mr. Keeparts, as the Case may be) we request you will inform us thereof by a Line.

We are &c

Maj^r. Nat. Smith, Capt. Keeparts, & to Officers having the Care of Public Stores.

Like Letters to Commodore Grafton, Capt. Campbell, Mr. In. Blair, Capt. Mayling