

In Council Annapolis 23^d Feb^r 1779

The Original of which the inclosed is a copy, was delivered into the Hands of the Governor this Morning and by him laid before the Council. Estimating it our indispensable Duty to attend to the Complaint and as we can be best enabled to do Justice to the Public and to your Character, hearing your Accusers and you Face to Face, we have appointed Wednesday the 10th of next Month for that Purpose, presuming it a convenient Time for all Parties, if it should be otherwise we shall, on knowing it, readily appoint another Day.

We are &c

James Mullikin }
Prince Geo. County }

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304 Gent. We have appointed Wednesday the 10th of next Month for hearing your Allegations against Mr. Mullikin which we have notified to him by Letter and have further informed him as we do you that if that Time should not be convenient to all Parties we shall, on knowing it, readily appoint another Day.

We are &c

305 Mess^{rs} James Drane, Marsh Mason Duvall }
Benj^a Belt, Joseph Duvall and }
James Drane Jun^r. Prince Geo. County }

In Council Annapolis 25th Feb^r 1779

305 Sir. By a Letter received from Mr. Banning, it seems your and his Commissions are both for the seventh District; if so there is a Mistake in yours, it should have been for the sixth as you'll see by the inclosed Copy of a Resolution of the Assembly. We send you a proper Commission to rectify this Mistake if it has really happened, which will give you the Trouble of another Qualification, which we are sorry for.

We are &c

Adam Muir Esq^r

In Council Annapolis 25th Feb^r 1779

306 Sir. We do not know of any Method of punishing the Parties concerned in sending out Slaves in the Lady Washington but on a Prosecution agreeable to the late Act Chap. 3^d of the last Session and we much wish that the Matter may be enquired into in due Course; the Vessel had no Letter of Marque from hence as we can find. The Nature and Powers of your Office are in a very loose Way; we do not apprehend that the old Regulations, chiefly made by Acts of Parliament, now subsist; it is absolutely necessary that the Duty and Power of Naval Officers should be precisely and clearly pointed out by an Act of Assembly and we hope and expect it will soon be done. Inclosed you have the Resolution of the Assembly, which erected and describes the Districts; your Commission is right and we have returned it; the Minute we have of Mr. Muir's is of the 6th and right also but, as it may have been settled up wrong, we shall send him another.

We are &c

Jeremiah Manning Esq^r