

In Council Annapolis 1st March 1779.

Sir James Drane, Marsh Marcen Duvall, Benjamin Bell, Joseph Duvall, and James Drane Junr. having exhibited a Charge against James Mullikin, the Board hath appointed Wednesday the Tenth Day of this Instant for hearing all Parties thereon. You are mentioned by James Drane as a Witness to prove the Charge and your Attendance is desired by him for that purpose wherefore we request your Attendance accordingly on that Day.

Robert Whitacre, Saml Tyler
Howard Duvall, & Tho. Duckett.
Prince Geo. County

We are Sir Yrs

In Council 3rd March 1779.

Sir Very much to our Disappointment, we find there is no Probability of getting a sufficient Quantity of Biscuit for the Gallies baked here; we shall be obliged to you to purchase for us nine thousand Weight. The Reason we give you this Trouble is because we do not know who will serve us best nor any Thing of the modern Price. If this should be Time enough and you can do it without Delay, you will be pleased to take Part into the Conqueror but as the Boat may follow with it Time enough and we have about 3000 here, we would not by any Means have the Galley wait

Capt. Nichollan, in his
Absence W. S. Purviance

We are Yrs

In Council Annapolis 3rd March 1779.

Sir We have no Answer to our Letter desiring you to send us the original Inlistment of the Matroses at Baltimore who alledge their Inlistment was for one Year; we want them and request you'll immediately come down with them. John Forrester, by whom we find this, says that the chief of Capt. Furnival's Company and with three of the old Company, making about 100 are inlisted, as he calls it, to go in the Galley and says they have received a Bounty for so doing. We hope Forrester is mistaken, we had no Idea of any greater Number of the Matroses going than we gave Orders for nor that any Bounty was to be given to them; we would by no Means give into an Example of special Pay for a Soldier's going on Service. We wish and expect to see you.

Major Nat. Smith.

We are Yrs

In Council Annapolis 5th March 1779

Sir The Honble Congress having on the 29th Day of Feb^r last recommended to the Governour of this State not permit the Schooner Hannah, Joseph Malcom Master, to load in the said State with Slaves and Bar Iron, it having been made appear to Congress that the said Vessel was fitted out by the Board of War of Massachusetts Bay for the Purpose of supplying the Public Magazines in that State. You are therefore thereby directed to permit the said Schooner to be loaded with Slaves and Bar Iron according to the said Recommendation, or partly so loaded and it being represented that it is convenient and desirable to load on board the said Vessel a Quantity of Pig Iron, you are to give Permission to load that or another Article, not prohibited by the Laws of this State, on board her and when the said Vessel shall have been loaded and ready to depart, you are to clear her out for Boston, the Port of her Destination indorsing such Clearances hereon.

Tho. Sollars Esq.
Naval Officer at
Baltimore

We are Yrs