

In Council Annapolis 6th March 1779.

Marsh Mosew Duvall having represented to us that the tenth Instant is not a convenient Time for hearing the Complaint against James Mullikin we have therefore and on his Affidavit of Material Witnesses being sworn appointed Monday the 9th Instant for a Hearing at which Time we request your Attendance. We are &c.

Robert Whitacre Saml Tyler, Howard Duvall & The Duckett's Capt Tobias Adelt, Josias Belt & Thos Boyd } Addison Mirdock
N.B. Another letter, so far as to the Words in Hearing, to which add, "at which Time your Attendance is expected."
James Mullikin & the Complainants generally except, M. M Duvall by whom all were sent.

In Council Annapolis 9th March 1779

Sir
Capt Joseph Snippe will deliver into your Custody 5 Prisoners taken by him on his Voyage from Boston to this Bay; you will therefore take the proper Steps to secure them 'till an Opportunity offers to send them to a proper Place of Confinement. We are &c.
Henry Stevenson Esqr }
Sheriff of Baltimore }

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Gent of the General Assembly

393. The Depredations lately committed on our Trade by a Number of small Privateers about and within the Capes has induced a Number of People with the Assistance of a few Mates from Baltimore to man the Galley Conqueror, which has been put in fine Order and we have the Chester ready to join ~~them~~ her with intent they should be employed about the Capes for the Protection of the Trade. We have Expectations that the Virginia Force will act in concert. It was proposed by the Gentlemen who have subscribed their Money, to give the whole Prizes if any should be taken, to the Captors; we had not Power to do so, but as there is no great Expectation of taking any but Privateers and thinking it would excite the Vigilance and Activity of the Officers and Men, we promised to mention it to the Assembly and request that the Part of the Prizes which might otherwise belong to the Public may be distributable amongst them and we wish Gent that you would give that further Encouragement. We inclose the Instructions intended to be given to Commodore Grafton and hope they will meet with your Approbation, but if this Disposition of the Gallies should not be approved, we shall be happy in having your Advice time enough to countermand them.

Gent Assembly.

S. J.