

In Council 10th March 1779

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N. 394.

By a Letter received yesterday from his Excellency General Washington we are advised of his having granted Permission to a Schooner to proceed to Hampton Road with Necessaries and Money for the Use of the British Prisoners at Fort Frederick and Winchester; The Cargo to be received into some of the Bay Craft and sent to Alexandria or George Town, under the Conduct and Escort of our own People, and from thence to the Place of its Destination. There being some Ground to suspect that the Vessel might be designed for Baltimore for other than the ostensible Purpose if you should fall in with any such Vessel having a Passport or Permission from General Washington, you are to conduct her to Hampton Road and give immediate Notice to the Government of Virginia, that the Permission may have all and only the Effect intended in the granting of it. Your also sending a Copy of this which is given you in consequence of the General's Letter, will account for your Conduct.

To Commodore Graison. We are &c.

Gent. of the General Assembly

395. The Bounties and Encouragements offered to Seamen and Marines in the Course of the last Session have not had the Effect you expected and I wished; the Officers have engaged a few but, I believe, our Number is not on the Whole at all increased. The Congress having laid aside the Scheme of employing the Baltimore and Independence, which indeed we could not Man and the Price of Workmanship Labour and every Article necessary for finishing and fitting out Vessels having greatly advanced, the Council and I thought, as Things were circumstanced, it would be a reprehensible Waste of the Public Money to lay out the Sum it would have taken in fitting out the Annapolis and therefore nothing has been done on her in Pursuance of the 15th Cl. of the 10th Act of the last Session, but if it still continues your Desire to have that Gallie fitted out, we shall cheerfully have it done with all Expedition.

Gent. Assembly.
14th March 1779.

Gent. of the Genl Assembly

396. Mr Thomas Starwood Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office in this State has laid before this Board the enclosed Order from the Treasury Office and wishes that a precise Mode of conducting the Business of the State Treasury may be pointed out and he enabled to comply with the Terms and Intention of the above mentioned Order. It appears to us to be the Interest of this State that the Continental Bills, of the Emissions of May 1777 and April 1778 in the State Treasury, should immediately be placed in the Hands of the Commissioner of the Continental Loan Office, and