

In Council Annapolis 3<sup>d</sup> April 1779.

You have herewith a copy of a Letter from the War Office dated the 25<sup>th</sup> of last Month and of its Inclosure, from whence you'll see we are called upon for a Company of Militia to guard the Prisoners at Fort Frederick. It is absolutely necessary that there should be a good Guard and we request you to get a Guard of Militia ready to enter on Duty instead of the Regular Troops. We are sorry for the Necessity of calling out any of the Militia at this Time, it must be prejudicial to them and to the Public. If Men can be engaged for four Months to perform this Service for a Bounty of Sixty Dollars and Continental Pay and Rations we will willingly and gladly pay that Bounty and possibly, as the Militia in general are so much interested in the Measure, we may with their Assistance engage the Number or great Part of the Number wanted. We wish you to exert your Endeavours for that Purpose, perhaps some may be picked up in Frederick, the Militia on Duty may be discharged as Men are engaged to fill their Places. Should any Thing occur to you which you think may tend in any Degree to ease the Militia, you'll be pleased to mention it to us.

We are &c

Don<sup>l</sup> Hughes Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
Sh of Washington County }

In Council 6<sup>th</sup> April 1779.

Gen<sup>l</sup>. The Dolphin came in this Morning for a Supply of Provisions for the Gallies, an Account of which we have inclosed and which we shall be obliged to you to Purchase. We hope and expect that she will not be delayed she is to call here before she proceeds down.

We are &c  
S. Price

Committee at Balt<sup>o</sup> }  
S. Purviance Jun<sup>r</sup> }  
Wm Smith & others }

In Council Annapolis 10<sup>th</sup> April 1779.

Gen<sup>l</sup>. We received yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst and have at present only to request you will forward to us some Commissions of Letters of Marque. It will save you and ourselves Trouble, if we can be supplied with a considerable Number. Some Vessels have been obliged to fail without and we have been informed, losses have been sustained in consequence thereof.

We are &c

Delegates in Congress.

In Council Annapolis 12<sup>th</sup> April 1779

Sir. We send you by Mr. Hughes 100<sup>th</sup> Lead, according to your Request. We have ordered the Commodore to send the Dolphin and Plat<sup>r</sup>. armed Boats, if they can be spared, up the Sound to act in Conjunction with you & Col<sup>o</sup> Hooper; they are to call upon you and if, as we have some Reason to expect, they should want Hands, we must request you will give them every Assistance and as some Gentlemen have shown a laudable Zeal in offering themselves as Volunteers, we hope you'll meet with no Difficulty. The long Delay of examining into the Conduct of such Offenders and the frequency of their Escapes from the Gaol have left little Terror in our Courts, clearly not enough to deter the Wicked from the Perpetration of the highest Crimes against the State; we have had too much

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