

In Council April 19<sup>th</sup> 1779.

We received yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant & have sent the Plater & Dolphin with the Galleys. The Commodore receives by this Opportunity, Instructions to the Cruise a Month longer than was intended, provided you can prevail on your Men to remain for that Time. We expect the Committee of Baltimore have written you on the Subject & informed you that a Vessel of 20 Guns from Philadelphia and the latter commanded by Capt. Cunningham are to cruise on the Coast and will soon be ready for Sea. We are &c

Capt. James Nicholson

In Council April 19<sup>th</sup> 1779.

Sir. We have received yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant by Capt. Bryan of the Dolphin, who has had all the Assistance we could give in loading with Expedition and now returns with the Plater, with a double Quantity of every Kind of Provisions you requested, a few Articles excepted, which were not to be had in Baltimore, and which are not thought to be materially necessary. It is our Wish that you advise three Months instead of two intended, provided Capt. Nicholson can prevail on his Officers and Men to remain so long in the Service. Frequent Complaints having been made to this Board that the Sound is infested by a Parcel of daring Villains in a small Vessel and that some Vessels have actually been taken & others plundered by them; you are to send the Dolphin Tender, if she can possibly be spared, with the Plater immediately up the Sound to cooperate with Col. Geo. Dashiell in endeavouring to secure the Vessel and Crew. Col. Dashiell shall be advised of this Order in Time to give every Assistance to the Dolphin & Plater and should they want Men, we have no Doubt of their getting Volunteers for this necessary Duty. We are &c

P.S. Order the Plater up as soon as the Service is performed in the Sound.

Commodore Graffon.

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

Sir. We have received yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant. It will be required of the Men to make separate Depositions with respect to the floathing they have received from the State and, if they insist on the floathing, they must receive it here as we have none any where else; if they will receive Money in Lieu of the floathing, it will be paid on the Depositions being produced. We are &c

Col. Wm. Hemsley

In Council Annapolis 13<sup>th</sup> April 1779.

Sir. The Governor wrote you the 26<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> in Answer to yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> which we imagine had not reached you when we wrote on the 29<sup>th</sup> in which you were informed of the Resolution of the Assembly respecting the Staff Officers Claim to the 500 Dollars and that by another of their Resolutions this Board is authorized to exchange all Bills of the Emmissions of May 20<sup>th</sup> 1777 & April 11<sup>th</sup> 1778 that have issued out of the Treasury of this State, provided Application be made for that Purpose before the 20<sup>th</sup> May next. Inclosed you will receive Arrangements of the Officers of the 3<sup>d</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>ts</sup> Specifying the Times of their Appointments on the frontiers and their Promotion and Succession to Vacancies in 1777. The Resolutions of this Board is to permit those who have applied for Leave to go into New York to go no farther than the Lines, and from this we have but seldom departed and in this case we wish not to add to the Instances, not from a Speculation of the

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