

In Council Annapolis 16<sup>th</sup> July 1779

557. Sir. A few Days ago we rec<sup>d</sup> a Letter from the Presid<sup>t</sup> of Congress, enclosing a Permit for the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst. of which you have a Copy inclosed. We find you a Permit as we think with the Idea of Congress. If the Vessel could stop here, perhaps to her Security to have from hence a Certificate at once indorsed on the Permit she was suffered to export the Cargo, under the Recommendation of Congress, cannot conveniently stop, it will be with that the Capt. be furnished with a Permit and Copy of the Resolution of Congress. You have inclosed a Letter rec<sup>d</sup> by this Days Post: in consequence of it we have wrote to Mr. Gouner, Col<sup>o</sup> Dallas, Col<sup>o</sup> Henry of Kent, Col<sup>o</sup> Simms & Thompson of Queen Anne's, Richardson & May<sup>r</sup> Brooke of Montgom<sup>y</sup>. W<sup>o</sup> W<sup>o</sup> Boyde of Saint John's of Kent to send you without Delay what Order they have & instructed J. W. Deane of Kent who happened here, to send you what of his may remain after complying former Orders. We do not know the exact Quantity, but expect it will be abt. 5000 It will be as much unless Col<sup>o</sup> St. Hollingsworth has exceeded our Orders in the sent forward for the Army. Advise us from time to time whether you hear from the Gov<sup>r</sup>  
W. Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Balt<sup>o</sup> We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 17<sup>th</sup> July 1779

558. Sir. William Goddard having exhibited to us a Memorial complaining of the conduct of William Spear, James Calhoun, George Lindenberger and Abraham Van Bibber as Magistrates; this Board hath appointed Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of this Inst. for hearing the Parties thereon: you are mentioned in the Part of W. Goddard as a Witness and your Attendance is desired by him, wherefore we request your Attendance on that Day accordingly  
We are &c.

Col<sup>o</sup> Eleazer Oswald, Balt<sup>o</sup> Wm Wheteroff Annap<sup>o</sup>  
J<sup>r</sup> Gray, And<sup>w</sup> Wilson, J<sup>r</sup> Welch, Cha<sup>s</sup> Williams,  
J<sup>r</sup> Hammond, Cha<sup>s</sup> Leavely, Gerrard Hopkins and  
Engelhard Geiser, Baltimore

In Council Annapolis 17<sup>th</sup> July 1779

559. Sir. We have appointed Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. for hearing the Parties with their Witnesses on your Memorial presented to this Board against the conduct of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Spear, Calhoun Lindenberger & Van Bibber as Magistrates, when we expect all concerned will attend here  
We are &c.

W. W. Goddard

In Council Annapolis 17<sup>th</sup> July 1779

560. Gent. Inclosed you will receive a copy of a Memorial exhibited to this Board by W. William Goddard complaining of your conduct as Magistrates. We have appointed Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. for hearing all Parties thereon at which Time we request your Attendance here with the Witnesses you may think proper to have examined on the Occasion. We do not claim a Power to compel the Attendance of Witnesses but if our Request will be an additional Inducement to those whose Evidence may be thought material, to attend, we shall readily use our Instances for the Purpose, with any Body to whom they may be necessary  
We are &c.

Wm Spear, J<sup>r</sup> Calhoun, Geo. Lindenberger }  
and Abraham Van Bibber Esq<sup>s</sup>

In Council Annapolis 27<sup>th</sup> July 1779

561. Sir. We just now rec<sup>d</sup> your Letter of Yesterday. It is not in our Power to issue a Warrant against any Body, unless an Oath is previously made of such Person's having committed the Crime which the Warrant is issued. Any Magistrate is competent to take your Oath if you know W<sup>o</sup> W<sup>o</sup> to be guilty of High Treason, It is your Duty you owe the Public to apply to a Magistrate immediately to have them  
We are &c.  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Jas<sup>o</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Wilmer.