

In Council Annapolis 27th August 1779

Genl. Arthur Harris of Calvert County in the State of Maryland is hereby appointed an Ensign in the fifth Maryland Regiment of Continental Troops and it is requested that a Commission may be granted him accordingly. If, from any Circumstances, it should be more proper to appoint him in any other Regiment of this State, we are desirous his Commission may be so made out, without any further Request from us
We are &c.

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Sir We have no Answer to yours of the 20th Inst: desiring you to furnish us with 10 Barls of Flour & 30 with only the Bran & Shorts taken out, made of good new Wheat, perhaps you have not received it; but presuming you have some by you if not the whole, are send up the Plates, Stamp Hall, for what of it you can now deliver
We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 3rd Sept: 1779

Sir. Mr. Wallace, to whom the enclosed Letter was directed, laid it before us. William Cavenaugh the Person who wrote it, is a Native of this State, he is a young Man who has been rather imprudent in the Management of his Affairs, and has thereby injured his Circumstances, but has not been suspected of Disaffection; he is personally known by two of the Gent: of the Council. It is well known here that the Schooner, the Laurens, owned by Stephen Steward & others, commanded by Capt. Harrison, went out to Statia in company with the Brig lively Capt. Belt, the same or some of the same Persons principal Owners; that Capt. Harrison died in the West Indies and that a Ship who went out later, returned on the Coast Captain, still in company with Belt, that they were chased, a Ship was taken, Belt escaped and got into Delaware; that the Schooner, in her Way to New York was run on the Jersey Shore and retaken by the Militia, and we have been informed that Cavenaugh went out & returned in the Schooner. All these Facts correspond with Cavenaugh's Letter and if, which is from thence probable, with Cavenaugh with the three of the Privateer's crew who are detained as Prisoners, have been sent on Shore for the Purpose & on the Terms he mentions, we are apprehensive that a Ship and the other Prisoners may suffer the severest Usage. If you should, with us Sir, believe that Cavenaugh's Account is true, we have Confidence that you'll take effectual Measures for the Relief of a Ship and the others who may be now great Sufferers
We are Sir &c.

In Council Annapolis 5th Sept: 1779

Sir We find you a Barr: of Park & 2 of Baur; as the Matroses are now in the Continental Service, they ought to draw from that Stock, we hope they will march in a few Days. Mr. Sadler has, no Doubt, told you of the Manner of our getting the Soldiers old Claims, it appears to us to be done with Generosity toward them and, we hope will give them Satisfaction. We were not able to Officer the Company ordered to ramp out of our old Officers Capt. Furnival, as he doubtless, told you, declined going to ramp, as did Capt. Campbell. It is very plain from the Act, the Assembly had no Expectation but that all the Gentlemen would have been desirous of going; the Assembly have not been so explicit as desirable and therefore it will rest with that Body to explain the Act, but we do not consider ourselves as either bound or at Liberty to consider any of the Officers, after forming the marching Company, as acting Officers of this State. You will be pleased to deliver the Arms used by the Matroses & military Stores belonging to the Post to Capt. Reports immediately, before the March of the Men
We are &c.

In Council Annapolis 7th Sept: 1779

Genl. The conduct of Sarami, which you have found yourselves under the Necessity of reporting to us, is certainly cognizable by our Laws and, as a Proof of his Keeping an irregular and disorderly House, any Magistrate in Baltimore has ample Power to compel him to give security for his future good Behaviour or, as a Proof of his opposing the Officers of Justice with the Declarations & Circumstances mentioned in your Letter, may be very severely punished. We cannot, ourselves, immediately, direct any Punishment on this Man, but our ordinary Course of Proceeding is fully competent to the Case and we advise you to apply to a Magistrate, producing the Witnesses to his very reprehensible Conduct.
We are &c.

Messrs. Dulac & Terrason
Baltimore