

to him. We have likewise directed him to publish our Proclamation,
preventing all Vessels from leaving the Port of Baltimore and the Branches
of Patuxent for a limited Time.

Naval Officer of Baltimore.

In Council, 23^d December, 1780.

Gentlemen,

The State Boats have returned and to procure you from the
trouble of procuring an armed Vessel and stationing her in the manner
N^o. 67. we requested. We have ordered Captain Gilbert Middleton of the Plater
on that Duty and given him Instructions how to conduct himself to
prevent the Vessels from removing out of Patuxent River and its Branches.
Mess^{rs}. William Smith Daniel Bowley
and others Merchants in Baltimore. J.

In Council, 23^d December, 1780.

Sir,

We send you by Mr. Longoon 30,000 Pounds Continentals
68. money, and wish it had been the whole Sum due you which
shall be transmitted as soon as we can command it.

Captain Conway.

In Council, 23^d December, 1780.

Sir,

You are to proceed immediately in the State Boat Plater to the
69. Fort at Baltimore and station her in such a manner as to prevent all
Vessels in Patuxent River and its Branches and Creeks except the Pater
and Sautelles from departing or removing therefrom for nine Days
or you receive our further Order to the contrary.

Capt. Gilbert Middleton.

In Council, 27th December, 1780.

Sir,

As we have the most pressing Demands for Provision to be deposited
or sent forward for the Army, We request you will use every exertion in
purchasing all the Pork and Beef for Sale with you and have it salted.
The average price of Pork in the States we apprehend not to be above