

In Council, 15th Feb. 1781

170. Sir, Your Favor of the 11th Instant was handed to us by Mr. Nutt and we have sent you a Warrant, to apprehend and bring Benjamin Stockley before us and request you would summon such material witnesses as you think necessary and can establish the Charge and send them over with the said Stockley to testify against him. We wish you had mentioned the County in which Capt. Beach resides and his Christian Name; On a Supposition that he lives in Cecil or Harford County, we have sent a Warrant to each of the Lieutenants of those Counties. You will do well in endeavouring to apprehend the Insurgents that broke Lewis Town Goal and if you should be successful, it will be proper to send them under a sufficient Guard of the Militia of that County to the Executive of the Delaware State; any Expenses you may necessarily incur in performing this Business will be defrayed. As to the Persons of your County who may harbour the Insurgents knowing them to be such, we think they ought to be presented at the General Court of the Eastern Shore. It gives us great Pleasure to be informed that the Law to enforce the Payment of Taxes in Somerset County has produced the desired Effect, and wish it was more general. We have sent you a Blank Commission agreeably to your Request, it appears from our Book that the Company is officered, if that is the Law, you must not displace any of the Officers to introduce Mr. Dennis.

Joseph Dashiell Esq.

In Council, 15th Sept 1781.

171. Sir, This Board have considered your letter of the 5th Instant relative to Mr. Stewart's Desire of returning to this State and are of Opinion that a Permission for that Purpose cannot be granted.

James Dick Esq.

In Council, 16 Feb. 1781.

172. Sir, We received your letter of the 5th Instant and have sent Certificates for the several Persons mentioned in Messrs. Mendenhall and Thompson's letter approving their settling in our State. We can assure you it gives us great Pleasure to receive into our State the Friends of America who have been driven from their Homes by the Enemy, and hope the Advantages they have chosen will afford them every Satisfaction and Advantage they can wish.

Colonel Leonard Harbury.