

In Council, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1781.

284. Sir, One of the British Ships of War has just returned and come to an anchor off this Harbour but far over on the Eastern Shore. We give you this Notice that the People may be put on their Guard and prevent any that may be prepared to come down by Water.  
W. Donaldson Yeates.

In Council, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1781.

285. Sir, One of the Ships has this Moment returned and now lies off this City. We thought it highly necessary you should be advised of it that proper Precautions might be used to prevent our Vessels and Provisions from falling into the Enemy's Possession, the Ships have burnt and destroyed all the Buildings on Poplar Islands.

Commander Nicholson.

In Council, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1781.

286. Sir, We have received your Letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> and under the Circumstances of the recruiting Service in Baltimore County at present, the Vigilance and Zeal the people there have shewn on every Occasion, and the Expectations we have from the recruits being made up, have induced us to think it most proper to suspend the Draft in Baltimore County, and therefore direct that the Draft be suspended until further Orders.  
Andrew Buchanan Esq.

In Council, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1781.

287. Sir, We shall be much obliged to you to send a further Supply of eight or ten Waggon Loads of Flour, what was received this Day will be expended on tomorrow or next Day at furthest.  
David Poole Esq.

In Council, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1781.

288. Sir, There being an absolute Necessity to furnish the Troops here immediately with a further Quantity of meat Provision you will therefore without Delay continue to procure it under the Authority already given.  
W. John Chalmers.