

again direct ^{that} you forward to this Place with all possible
 Dispatch forty Head of Cattle to be delivered to John Gysal
 Commissary.
 John Smith Brooker.

In Council, 3^d July, 1781.

N^o 683 Sir, Commodore Grafon came into the Harbour this Evening
 Morning with three of the Barges from the Eastern Shore,
 which we have reason to believe were the ^{with the Barges they took and the two chums, ^{retaken} that of them} ~~the~~ ^{King's} ~~the~~ ^{own} ~~the~~
 Deposition we enclosed ^{yesterday} you, the Commodore the
 Day before yesterday was as low down as Hooper Straits
 and neither saw nor heard of any Rebels of Force of the
 Enemy being up the Bay, he took one of their Barges off
 the Mouth of Patuxent, and chased two others among
 the Islands where they escaped, owing to their Barges
 drawing less water than those he commanded, ^{with the}
~~Barge they took two Prisoners ~~retaken~~~~
 Andrew Buchanan Esq.

In Council, 3^d Aug. 1781.

684 Sir, We enclose you the Petition of William Ridgway and a
 Certificate from Charles Fox: The Petition informs us he was fined
 by a Court Martial in ^{the} year, 1779 in the Sum of ten Pounds
 specie for which the Sheriff had executed him, that he belongs
 to a Company in Ann Arundel, and that he never was warned
 in nor before a Court Martial to take his Trial; he also in-
 forms us that the Sheriff offered to take eight hundred Pounds
 of Ransom for the Fine imposed on him. We request you
 will make Enquiry into this Transaction, and if you find
 the allegations set forth in the Petition to be true, that
 you will desire the Sheriff to suspend the collection of
 this Fine until you can give us Information on the Subject.
 Colo. Samuel Smith.

In Council 3^d Aug. 1781.

Sir We wrote you on the 25th of July requesting you to