

of the 1st have been issued. I now transmit you the Bonds taken in 1781
N^o 1062 a List thereof, and request you will find a further Supply. It will be
necessary that the Supply be more ample than heretofore as there will be
a very great Demand for them shortly.
Charles Thomson Esq. Sec^y to Congress

T. Johnson J^r B. C.

Infancil 12th March 1782

Sir.

Yours of the 5th we did not receive til this Day. We have no Application
for a Change of Magistrates in your County, no has any Alteration taken
Place in the late Commission, excepting such as were dead, or did not qualify,
1063 who were left out and an Addition of three put in Place of them. It is not
the Practice of the Board to remove any Magistrate, unless he does not
qualify, or on Hearing first had.
Patrick Hamilton Esq.

Infancil 12th March 1782

Sir.

We have undoubted Information that a Sloop or Schooner belonging to the
Enemy, with two or three small Whale Boats, have done considerable mischief
about the Mouth of Patuxent, and have taken several small Craft higher up,
as well as lower down the Bay. We wish you therefore to proceed without Delay
to Miles River and have the Barges put into proper Condition to cruise
against these Depredators. You will judge from the Intelligence you will receive,
1064 whether it will be necessary to fit out the Whole of the Barges. We have
furnished you with £300. on Account, to defray the necessary Expenses in
fitting out, and to engage Men enough, on the best Terms in your Power,
to make out the Number you will want, calculating upon getting 40 here
which General Smallwood will furnish. When we hear that you are
in Readiness for the Enterprise, we will give you further Instructions.
Commodore Graison

Infancil 13th March 1782

Sir

Since our Letter to you of the 16th of February, we have not had the
Pleasure to hear from you. Our Demands for Specie still continue so
1065 pressing, we are compelled to request you will not delay a Moment in
coming down and getting your Contract. Orders on M^r Morris to the Amount
of the Contract, will answer our Purpose, who has, by his Letter of the 23rd of Feb^r
engaged to pay your Draughts.
Col^o Moses Rawlings.

Infancil 13th March 1782

Gentlemen

We are favored with yours of the 12th Ult^o and regret that our late Arrange-
ment of the Orphan's Court in St. Mary's, has been the Source of so much Unpleasant-
ness. However, to your Representations, it is incumbent on us to assure you that they
did not interfere, farther than recommending who should fill up the Vacancies. Our only
1066 Reason for naming first on the List the two new Appointments, was, because they were
senior Magistrates in the County Court. We have adopted the same Rule in other
Counties, and we believe, in this General, it is more proper and less offensive than any
other, especially as the Orphan's Court must be composed of County Magistrates.
Should it be inconsistent with your Feelings to continue to act under these
circumstances, we shall lament the Loss to the Court, of Gentlemen so well qualified
for the Business; but we cannot with any propriety, or with the
constant Practice, make any Alteration.
Mess^{rs} Thomas Bond,
William Willoughby &
John De la Motte