

Thursday, March 25th 1779

The House met. All present as on Yesterday. Mr. Hall appeared in the House. The proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. R. Goldsborough from the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Message from the Senate of Yesterday, and report thereon, brings in and delivers to the Speaker the following Message and Resolves. By the House of Delegates March 25th 1779
May it please your Honours,

We are of Opinion with you, that the Matros Companies in the City of Annapolis and Baltimore Town are expensive; and that they might render Services in the American Army; but as the future Circumstances of this State must be attended to, an absolute Resolution, to put them on the continental Establishment, may be prejudicial to the Interest of this Community; if the future Situation of this State will admit of joining them to the Army of the United States, powers for that purpose can be vested in the Governor and the Council.

The greatest Circumspection and Economy have been shown by this House in the Expediture of the public Money, and we are happy to find in your Honours a disposition to retrench every useless Expence, and a Temper to join with us in alleviating the Burthens incurred in the Prosecution of the present War. We could wish your Honours had been more explicit in your Message of Yesterday by William Hindman, Esq. in pointing out the particular Articles which it may be expedient to dispose of. The Resolutions that will attend this Message will shew our Ideas on that Head.

By Order J. Ducket Clk. Ho. Del.

By the House of Delegates, March 25th 1779 - Resolved, That the Governor and Council have a discretionary power, and that they be authorised and requested, if they shall judge it necessary, to order the Matros Companies stationed in the City of Annapolis and Baltimore Town to join our Quota of Troops serving under his Excellency General Washington, and that immediately on their joining the said Troops, they be taken into the pay of the United States

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By the House of Delegates, March 24th 1779
Resolved, That the Governor and the Council be empowered and requested to select and set apart, out of the Maryland Navy, two Gallies and one Boat, such as they shall think proper, with their Guns, Tackle, Apparel, and Turniture, for the use of this State; and that they sell and dispose of the ship Defense; and such of the other Gallies and Boats belonging to this State, with their and each of their Guns, Tackle, Apparel, and Turniture, to the best Advantage, as they shall judge necessary; and that as there is now on hand a larger Quantity of Gun powder than is immediately necessary for the use of this State, they be also empowered and requested, to sell so much thereof, as they may judge proper, and apply the Money arising from the sales of the above Articles to the use of this State.

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Which were read a first & second time, as ordered to, & sent to the Senate by Mr. Lothbury and Mr. Bayly
On Motion the Question was put, That this House will continue Mr. Green as Printer to this State? Resolved in the Affirmative.

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| | Graham | L. Hanson | Woolford | Gibson | Burnell | Schnobels |
| | Lloyd | Dent | Stevenson | W. Goldsborough | Hanson | Crabb |
| | Willmer | Diggon | Chidgely | R. Goldsborough | Wood | Crawford |
| | Lothbury | Polk | Job | Bush | Norris | Bayly |
| | Hall | Jackson | Evans | Brown | McComas | Luyon |
| Maasubin | Strawbridge | Keane | Carmichael | Hoone | Price | |

Negative Messieurs Doye, Sprigg