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[Francis Lewis to the Governor and Council.]

Gent<sup>n</sup>: In pursuance of advice received last night that 228 British ships were arrived at the Capes of Delaware, Capt. Nicholson of the Frigate applyed to me this morning for my opinion whether it would not be adviseable for him with 150 of his seamen armed, to proceed immediately to the Head of Elk by water and from thence to Phil<sup>a</sup> if not countermanded at Elk. Thinking it would be greatly for the service of the States at this critical juncture I considered, and thereupon consulted Cap<sup>t</sup> Cooke also for a reinforcement from his ship for the same service, which must be submitted to your directions. I have this day wrote to the Marine Committee to inform them of the steps already taken. I am, with great respect

Gent<sup>l</sup>n Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Fra. Lewis.

P. S. Capt. Nicholson's party sets of this evening or tomorrow morning.

Baltimore Point 2<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1777  
To His Excellency  
Thomas Johnson Esq<sup>r</sup> in Council.

C. B.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1777.

Present as on Saturday.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Cooke Sundries on Acc<sup>t</sup> of the Defence.

That the said Commissary deliver to Captain Richard Dorsey 676 yds Osnab<sup>s</sup> 4 p<sup>s</sup> Britanies & 12 yd<sup>s</sup> Russia Drab for his Comp<sup>y</sup> of Matrosses in Baltimore

That the said Commissary deliver to Captain Furnival 616 yd<sup>s</sup> Osnabrigs, 12 yd<sup>s</sup> Russia Drab 4 p<sup>s</sup> Britanies and 10 Blankets to be charged to his Comp<sup>y</sup> &c.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to James OHarra Thirty four pounds, eighteen shillings & nine pence Am<sup>t</sup> of Acc<sup>t</sup>

That the said Treasurer pay Capt: George Cooke, five hundred pounds on Acc<sup>t</sup> of Ship Defence.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut William Judah Eight hundred pounds Curr<sup>y</sup> on Acco<sup>t</sup> of the Artillery Comp<sup>y</sup>s in Baltimore

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to William Judah twelve Barrels Beef & three Barrels Pork on Acc<sup>t</sup> of the above Comp<sup>y</sup>

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Nicholas Maccubbin forty pounds Amo<sup>t</sup> of Acco<sup>t</sup> passed the Board of Acc<sup>t</sup>s