

Authorize and empower them on such Hearing and Trial to proceed to give such Sentences and Judgement as the Articles of War will warrant and the said Sentences and Judgement to carry into execution.

Provided nevertheless that no Sentence or Judgement be executed without a confirmation of it by the Governor of this State and that this Commission and Authority be not considered as Authorizing a Trial of such Offenders as are charged with Ravishment and Rape.

Given in Council at Annapolis under the Great Seal of this State this 30 Day of March 1783. - W<sup>m</sup> Paca. -

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1783

Present His Excellency William Paca Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor. -

Benjamin Stoddert, Jers. T. Chas and James Brice Esquires.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to William Mancy six pence six shillings and eight pence specie agreeable to the Act to adjust the Debts due from this State on Account passed. -

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Townsend three pounds, seven shillings and six pence out of the Money set apart for contingent Expenses per Account passed. -

Whereas Complaints have been preferred to us charging the Officers of the Barge Defense with great Misconduct in Boarding a Boat and seizing and Plundering and Detaining divers Articles thereon found, and also with Plundering the Citizens of this State on some one of the Islands in the Bay of Chesapeake.

We therefore hereby constitute and appoint Captain Solomon Frazier, Captain Clancy Delisle, Lieutenants, Gadock Boffets, George Mignot and William Byus a Court Martial to hear Try the Officers of the said Barge Defense vizt. Capt Daniel Brian, William Wood and Thomas Buick for the said Offense and we do hereby authorize and empower the Court Martial aforesaid on such Hearing and Trial to proceed to give such Sentence or Judgement as the Articles of War will warrant and to carry the same into Execution.

Provided nevertheless that no such Sentence or Judgement be executed without the Confirmation of it by the Governor of this State.

Given in Council at Annapolis under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1783  
W<sup>m</sup> Paca. -

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1783

Present His Excellency the Governor  
Benjamin Stoddert, James Brice and John A. Stone Esquires. -

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