

August 2^d 1779

Gent of the General Assembly
 on the Recruiting Service, on their coming here for an Advance of the Bounty
 requested to be informed by the Council and myself what was the Allowance from
 State to the Recruiting Officers, alledging, I believe truly, that their Pay was not
 adequate to bear their Expenses on this Business; we informed the Gent. that there was
 no State Allowance to the Recruiting Officers, beyond fifteen Dollars for each
 Recruit, but that we had no Doubt the General Assembly were well disposed to
 reimburse the Officers the actual Expenses at least, which they might necessarily
 be at in prosecuting the Recruiting Service; advised them to keep an Account of
 their Expenses and promised to mention the Matter to you. I do it Gentlemen
 under a Confidence that the bare mention of it is ^{fully} sufficient. I beg Leave also
 to lay before you a Letter from Maj^r Nathaniel Smith. From verbal Conversa-
 tion, from Time to Time, with several of the Officers of the Matross Company
 in Annapolis, they are under the like Impressions and entertain the like
 Expectations as the Officers of the Matrosses in Baltimore. I could wish, if
 it is your Pleasure to do any Thing for the Relief of these Gent., that your Bounty
 may be clearly and fully expressed without referring to what is allowed in the
 Army, of which I am, in most Instances, altogether uninformed, and thereby pre-
 vent any Misunderstanding or Uneasiness from an Apprehension that the Construction
 of the Governor & Council is not so liberal as your Intention.

Gent. Assembly.

In Council Annapolis 2^d August 1779

Sir
 Your Letter of the 31th July with its Inclosures came to Hand yesterday. Chambers, by the 2^d Sect
 of the 20th Chap. of Feb^r 4th Session 1774, is guilty of Treason and so are those who have afforded him
 any Aid or Comfort, or have given him any Intelligence of the warlike Preparations of the
 United States or any of them. Wilmer's Deposition ought to have been more circum-
 stantial, it does not mention how or in what Manner he was privy; his bare concealment of
 the Treason of those who aided or comforted Chambers, will bring him within the 3^d Sect. of
 the Act, and we think you ought to bind him over to the General Court. This Matter was no
 further before us than an a Letter from Mr. Wilmer, desiring Study might be feared, and
 that he would impeach him of Treason, to which we immediately gave an Answer, advising
 him that an Oath was necessary previous to a Warrant's issuing; that any Magistrate was
 competent to administer the Oath and issue a Warrant, and that if he knew of Study's being
 guilty of High Treason, it was a Duty he undoubtedly owed the Public, to apply to a Magis-
 trate immediately to have him secured; that Letter, shewed to you, would have let you
 pretty well into our Sentiments. We have seen Mr. Paea on the Part of your Letter regarding
 Thomas Storey. It will be highly proper, on his not producing a Certificate and refusing
 to take the Oath, which ought to be tendered to him, to commit him to Prison and certify
 us of it, that we may either remand him to Prison or send him back to his own State
 there is no Criterion by our Laws to determine who are and who are not Residents, it is
 much wanted and our Act for the Better Security of the Government seems defective in
 not obliging new Settlers to take the Oath to this State. If Mr. Tilghman has, as we have
 understood, taken the Oath of Allegiance to Pennsylvania; and produces his Certificate
 we do not know of any legal Way to prevent his residing in this State.

Wm. Hardley Esq^r
 Sheriff of Mont County }

We are &c.

In Council 5th August 1779

Sir
 We are very desirous of settling with our Matrosses in such a Manner as to give
 Uneasiness. We understood the Money which was advanced them before they sailed
 in Part of their monthly Pay and not as a Bounty. We shall be glad to be informed
 earliest Opportunity, what you did pay them exactly and for what Purposes, whether
 it was inclusive or exclusive of what they were entitled to as Matrosses, and
 the Satisfaction made the Officer who went with them.

Sam^l Purviance Jun^r

We are &c.