

In Council Annapolis 13th Sept. 1780

We have received Information that a certain James Anderson, a Subject of this State, was captured in one of the Barges or Gallies which have, for some Time past, infested our Bay and interrupted our Trade, by Capt. Cyellatt & Golger and carried into the State of Virginia and is now confined at Richmond. Anderson, before and since our Government was formed, lived on Tell's Point in Baltimore Town took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to the State prescribed by Law, was appointed and commissioned a Lieutenant in one of our Gallies and from his Activity and apparant Zeal, was always reputed a Friend to America and entrusted with the Command of a Vessel owned by some Gentlemen in Baltimore which he carried to New York; he is well acquainted with our Bay and has committed great Depredations on the Property of our Inhabitants. The above Recapitulation of Facts renders it unnecessary to suggest to your Excellency that the said Anderson cannot be deemed a Prisoner of War and exchangeable, though he may hold a Commission from the Enemy and was taken in one of their Vessels, because he was a Subject of this State, took the Oath of Allegiance as such, and no subsequent Act by him can dissolve the Obligation he was under to the State, and therefore was, at the Time he received his Commission and must now be considered a Subject of this State and amenable to its Laws for any offence committed against the Peace and Government thereof. We do charge the said Anderson with High Treason against the said State and solicit you to cause him to be sent to us under a sufficient Guard in Order to take his Trial at our General Court, which will be held on the second Tuesday in October next, and to transmit what Testimony you may have against him. We shall take care that every Expence incurred thereby shall be reimbursed, as soon as it is ascertained.

His Ex^{ty} Gov. Jefferson

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We received yours, without Date. It was our Intention the Militia should have been kept only in Readiness to give Assistance to the Forces we intended sending down, and not on public Expence until then. Our Boats are, we suppose, now, somewhere near you, if they should have Occasion for any Aid, we expect you will render all in your Power and discharge the Militia immediately when the Service is done; any Provision that may be wanting for that Purpose, may be properly drawn from the Commissary. We have sent Col. Joseph Duffill an Order on you for 10,000 £
the same Order as to Jos. Duffill on the 13th Aug. enclosed. We are &c.
George Duffill.