

this State in the Penalty of five thousand Pounds Current C. B. Money with sufficient Security to be approved of by this Board or by some Justice of the Peace for Queen Annes County. Conditioned for his the said Edward Tilghman Personal Appearance before the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore to answer for his going into Phil<sup>a</sup> whilst in Possession of the Enemy without having obtained Permission from the Governor and Council of this State and not departing the said Court without Leave thereof and further for his not going out of Queen Annes County nor more than five Miles from the Dwelling House of his ffather Edward Tilghman without the Leave of the Governor and Council of this State for the Time being unless for the purpose of Attending the General Court as aforesaid and for his returning from the same Court as soon as permitted within the said Limit. But the said Edward Tilghman Jun<sup>r</sup> not having such Security here ready he is therefore committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of Queen Annes County there to remain until duly discharged.

[Council to S. Smith.]

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In Council 26<sup>th</sup> March 1778.

Sir.

Thomas Worthington complains to us that one Benjamin Todd, who we suppose is a Sergeant, inlisted his Convict Servant Man named Thomas Bennett, knowing that he was his Servant, and that he applied to you for the Servant, and you refuse to return him. We are at a Loss to conjecture on what Principle a Servant, and especially a convicted one, could be inlisted or detained, as we have no Law to warrant such a Proceeding, and, from the frequent Desertions of People so circumstanced, Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington thought proper to discountenance it. We request, on M<sup>r</sup> Worthington's shewing that Thomas Bennett is his Servant, that you will restore him and that you'll give Orders to the Officers under you, not to inlist Servants, by which you will prevent their running away from their Masters, in Hopes of getting to the Enemy which, whilst Servants were inlisted, proved a great Injury to the People of this State, and very little, if at all, strengthened our Army.

L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 1778

C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Dashiell Esq. one thousand two hundred and seventy two