

Safety than by sending it down Wiccomico; however this Matter must be left to your Discretion. Enclosed is an Order on the Collector for £2000. Liber C C
No. 22

[Council to His Excy. Govr. Jefferson Virginia]

Sir The alarming State of the Trade of Virginia & Maryland in the Chesapeake and above all, the extreme Difficulty and Hazard of supplying the Northern Army with Provisions from Virginia and the Southern Parts of this State, occasioned by the continued and encreasing Depredations of the Enemy have rendered the immediate Expulsion of them from the Bay, an Object of Magnitude to this Board. The Merchants of Baltimore have, on this Occasion, undertaken to second us with two armed Brigs & three large Barges, every of which we shall furnish sufficiently with Men, Arms and Ammunition. This Force will be accompanied by two fast sailing State Boats, to act as Tenders. We most earnestly solicit your Excellency to aid us in this Service, so beneficial to the States in General and to Virginia & Maryland in particular. Only such Vessels of War which can be immediately equipped can be serviceable, as the Success of this Attempt will depend in a great Measure upon the Secrecy and Expedition with which it is executed. We expect our Vessels will be ready to proceed down the Bay the 6th of next Month.

[Council to Colo George Dashiell and Colo Henry Hooper]

Sir We intend to send down, in a few Days, our State Boats, to Co-operate with some Vessels from Baltimore in clearing the Bay of the Enemy and request you to hold a Party of Militia you can depend on, in readiness to give what Assistance in your Power, in Case there should be occasion for them. This Design should not be made public

Tuesday 29th August 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the W. Shore Treas^r deliv^r to Ja^s Calhoun Com^{ry} for Balt^o County 34 hh^{ds} Tob^o 33108 ls net on Acc^t

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Robertson Stevens one thousand five hundred and fifty four Pounds ten shillings p Acc^t passed by the G^l A.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Doct. James Murray three thousand Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Rob^t Berry Two thousand seven hundred and seventy six Pounds sixteen shillings & three Pence on Account.

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