

Extract from the Letter Book of the  
Governor & Council of Maryland.

In Council 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1781/80

Sir,

You are to proceed <sup>immediately</sup> down the Bay as low as  
you can with any degree of Safety. If you should have  
any information of the Enemies, coming up the Bay, or should  
discover them yourself, you must with all the expedition  
possible return to this Place and give immediate Information  
to the Board.

Capt<sup>l</sup> William Middleton. 23

Extract of a letter from the Governor and  
Council, taken from one of their Letter Books.

In Council 15<sup>th</sup> August 1781

Sir,

A Boat the Dolphin belonging to this State Commanded  
by Mr. William Middleton was in the month of March