

c. c. Col^o Stull is disinclined to do though he intended to ride with Johns to see if he could not procure Waggons by exerting his personal Influence in a private Way. We are very sorry that any Intimation of Compulsion should be necessary in a Business so easy and so essential to be performed, and would by all Means have it avoided, if possible. If Col^o Stull's Exertions, for which we thank him, have not proved effectual, we request you will use your Endeavour severally to procure Waggons for the few Guns only immediately wanted by the Frigate offering a full Value for the Carriage and giving a Certificate of the sum to M^r Samuel Purviance of Baltimore, who will pay, on the Service being done, on Sight, if you find Waggons cannot be got on these Terms, we request you'll press Waggons sufficient for the Purpose giving them Certificates on M^r Purviance for the Money, but we repeat that we wish Compulsion to be avoided if it can, and used only to prevent the Frigates lying to the Injury of the Cause and Reproach of our State.

We are &^{ca}

John Stull, Jos^h Sprigg }
& Doct^r Schenebely }

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[Council to Deputies in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 12th May 1777.

Gent.

We are informed by Mr. Green that he contracted with the Council of Safety for the same Sum in Proportion for printing our last Bills of Credit, as the Congress allowed for printing the Continental Bills. The Service is done, and we do not know what Allowance to make. We shall be much obliged to you if you will enquire and write us what was allowed by Congress, as we suppose the Account is in the Treasury Office. If it cannot be come at, by recurring to the Account itself, probably Hall & Sellers might give the desired Satisfaction.

We are &^{ca}

The Honb^l Deputies }
in Congress. }

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[Council to J. Hanson.]

In Council Annapolis 12 May 1777.

Sir

We send you by M^r Thomas Beatty £300, to pay up the Arrears, and the future Subsistance of the Prisoners in Frederick Town and are Sir &^{ca}

The Money drawn out by the Clerk & sent.
John Hanson Esq^r