

his father which he did not accomplish. This Board desirous c. B. of Affording to the Subjects of this State the Protection due to them do Order that the said Joseph Jenkins be not taken as a Soldier under the said Draft or treated with any Violence but that if any Officer claims him as a Soldier in Consequence of the said Draft that the Evidence if any of his being Subject thereto be laid before the Governor and Council that the same may be considered and Justice done therein the said Joseph Jenkins giving Security before some Justice of the Peace for Prince Georges County in one hundred and fifty Pounds for his Appearance before this Board on due Notice given to him for that Purpose or left in writing at his fathers Dwelling House.

[Council to Purveyors.]

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Circular

In Council Annapolis 27th March 1778.

Sir.

We wish to be advised of the Quantity of Provisions which you have a prospect of procuring, under the Directions of the late Act, which we have already transmitted to you, as we may remit you the Money necessary to pay for them, we having received Cash this Morning from the Congress for that Purpose. It is essential to the Service that we should be regularly furnished with a Monthly Return of your Purchase agreeable to the Act, and we request you will specify in it the Places where the Provisions are collected, which we desire may be chosen with a View to their Safety and the Convenience too, as far as may be, for their Removal for the use they are designed. The Barrelled Pork and Beef which you may get, must be well examined and if there's Doubt of its keeping you must by all Means have it put into proper Order and if necessary, Salt added. We are &^{ca}

To the Agents for the }
Purchase of Provisions }

[Council to Gates.]

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In Council Annapolis 27th March 1778.

Sir

In Consequence the former Letters from the Board of War, M^r Hughes was urged to get Fort Frederick Ready for the Reception of the British Prisoners with all Dispatch and to call on a sufficient Number of the Militia perhaps more than barely necessary, to act as a Guard at least 'til the Assembly should make some other Provision, and we are induced, by a Letter