

c. B. Peace for Somerset County, and also to Peter Waters, John Stewart, Levin Wilson, John Span Conway, & Levin Woolford Judges of the Orphans Court said Co^{ty}

Friday 26 March 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Baldwin Quart^r Mast^r to the 3^d Regiment One hundred and fifty Pounds due him by a Resolve of the General Assembly, Gen^l Smallwood having in his Lre. of the 17th Inst. requested the same to be paid him and that he had not received it.

c. c. [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 26th March 1779.

Gen^t

We enclose you a Copy of the Act passed by the Assembly to assist in procuring Flour for the Army; you will see by it that we are immediately to appoint one or more in each County to purchase and that if it should appear to us absolutely necessary, and not otherwise, we are to empower the Purchasers to seize Flour &^{ca} the Price is not limited. We shall immediately make the Appointments, but it is highly proper that we should be ascertained of the Necessity of exerting this extraordinary Power which is left in us. We have understood, though not from such Authority as we can depend on, that very lately, there was Flour on Hand Sufficient for 93 Days Expenditure besides a considerable Quantity of Wheat, we fear that this Report may not be true but we have frequently heard that there are considerable Quantities of Wheat collected at the Mills in Harford and Cecil for the Use of the Army and large Quantities of Flour lying at and constantly transporting from the Head of Elk. Pray obtain and transmit us as early as possible, the best Information you can on this Subject, that we may be enabled to exercise the discretionary Powers lodged in our Hands to our own Satisfaction and the Public Expectation. The Stills are stopped, but the internal Demand and that from Massachusetts will, we fear, still raise the Price; the Board of War in Massachusetts, has given a Power to purchase Flour &^{ca} in this State to the Amount of 60000 £ lawful Money. You have also inclosed a Copy of a Resolution concerning the Recruiting Service, occasioned by the Resolution of Congress of the 9th Ins^t which came to Hand on Tuesday 8 o'clock at Night; it was late in the Session as well as late in the Year for Business of this Nature. We have no late Returns of our