

[Council to Richard Dallam Esqr.]

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Sir. We yesterday received your Letters of the 26th and send you by M^r John Smith the Bearer of them £40000. which is within £20 of the whole in the Continental Treasury and ours is not at present able to assist it. We see the destructive Tendency of making Contracts to be settled by the Rise of the Market and, pressing as the Occasion is for Flour, will risk every Thing rather than concur in such ruinous Measures and therefore request you'll make no further Engagements on which the Price is to depend at all on any future Contingency. The Assembly may probably take up this Matter next Week and, if it is suffered to go on without any Restraint on Avarice, we had rather the Evil should be continued as well as begun by any Body, other than those of our Appointment; nor are we anxious for your extending your Purchase of Wheat (as you have enough to keep the Mills going for a while) at the exorbitant Price, 'til we see whether any Thing is done by the Assembly. M^r Giles wrote for a Licence and it would have been sent him, if he had enclosed his Appointment, but for Want of it, the License could not issue. The Wheat you have you'll have ground and forward to the Army with all Expedition

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Present as on Yesterday

James Martin, William Horsey, Levin Handy & Nathaniel Potter, Licenced separately appointed by Conrad Theo. Wederstrandt Assistant Commissary of Purchases under a Commission from Ephraim Blaine, as Deputies under said C. T. Wederstrandt.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^o Normand Bruce three hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Capt Richard Haff for the use of the Militia Guard over the Magazine near Frederick Town and to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to John Woolf Six Pounds to be delivered over to Alexander Ogg, the Bounty allowed by the General Assembly for inlisting one Recruit

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Carroll Esquire five hundred and forty Pounds on Account.

William Pendergast who was Commissary of the 1st Maryland Brigade is appointed Ensign in the 5th Maryland Regim^t & Jacob Mitinger who was a Lieut of Horse in the Marechausee Corps is appointed Ensign in the 3^d Maryland Regiment and it is requested that Commissions may issue to them accordingly from the Board of War—

The Petition of Thomas Hopkins of Talbot County complaining of an undue and unfair Election of Sheriffs for said County having this Day been presented to the Governor & Council

[The Marechausee Corps was a company of cavalry belonging to the troops of Charles Armand, Marquis de la Rouarie, whose duties chiefly appertained to the police of the army. See Lossing's Pictorial Field-book of the Revolution, p. 260]