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[Council to Robert Morris Esq^r]

Having yesterday wrote you in Answer to the several Letters you have honored us with, we have now to represent to you, that from the exhausted Situation of this State, it is not within the Compass of our Abilities to subsist the Prisoners quartered upon us, without your Assistance: We have therefore to request and most earnestly entreat that you will furnish us immediately with a Sum of Specie, or we cannot be answerable for Consequences. We can with more Propriety ask this as other States have been assisted by the Continent in similar Circumstances, and we have hitherto maintained the Prisoners entirely at our own Expence. It will be necessary that we have £20,000 in the Course of the Winter, perhaps four or five thousand would answer our present Occasions.

Ibid.
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[Council to Patrick Sim Smith Esq^r]

Your Letter of the 6th we have received. It will be indispensably necessary that you make us the most accurate Return of all the Supplies received and delivered by you and every Expence incurred in transacting the Business; as this Return is now wanted for the Satisfaction of the General Assembly, we wish it may be done immediately. We send you, in Compliance with your Request, three hundred Pounds, but we conceive you cannot think of paying it away at its depreciated State, as you will be answerable for the Sum received, as Specie. The Commissary General has been wrote to, to give particular Directions to the several County Commissaries, to dispose of Flour for the Purpose of procuring the Number of Barrels they may want; by your Application, we suppose you have not received the Information, either from the Commissary General or this Board. M^r Calhoun will, in a few Days, have a Quantity of Salt, and has Orders to furnish the County Commissaries: we therefore refer you to him for the Quantity you may want; should M^r Calhoun not be able to furnish you in Time, you may dispose of Wheat or Flour to purchase as much as will secure the Pork that may be received by you.

Ibid.

[Council to John Smith Brookes Esq^r]

We have received yours of the 13th Instant and have sent you by Landsdale £300. If you cannot procure Salt and Barrels for the red Money, we would have you dispose of as much Wheat or Flour as will procure what you may want.

Ibid.

[Council to Charles Blake Esq^r]

Your Letter of the 9th is received. All the Cattle on Hand fit for slaughtering we think, ought immediately to be killed and packed up in Bulk, or Casks, if they can be procured, as you have a sufficient