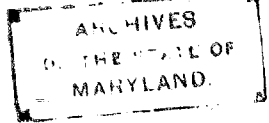


It being necessary for conducting the Publick Business of the Province  
Council should be possessed of the Great Seal of Maryland, which, being as yet  
is in your Hands; you are requested to deliver it, together with the Vice, to Mr. [unclear]  
waits upon you for that Purpose.



To Mr. Robert Smith.

We are Sir &c.

In Council March 25<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Sir

2. If the Bread you mention in your Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. is likely to spoil  
the Council recommend it to you to sell for 12<sup>6</sup> 4/8, the Price you have been offered, but  
if the Bread is likely to keep good, they would not have you sell, unless you get, at least 15/-  
if you do not sell, there's Room enough here to store a Part of it, and you are desired to find  
down from Time to Time, as good Opportunities may offer, a Thousand or twelve Hundred  
Barrels.

We are &c.

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth.

In Council March 27<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Sir

3. As your Letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst. to Mr. Hall concerned Publick Matters, now within  
the Province of this Board, he laid it before us. We are much concerned that there should  
be so little prospect of your being supplied with Hemp, as the Service is now suffering  
for Want of Cordage; we hope you will still continue your Endeavours to provide  
it on Contract, and if they fail, that the Regulation of Prices now under Consideration  
may relieve us from the present Difficulties.

We are Sir &c.

Christopher Saunders Esq<sup>r</sup>.

In Council Annapolis March 27<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Sir

4. We have your Favour of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst. to Mr. Jenifer, now before us, and have  
sent Capt. Berry with this, who will, if you think proper, bring the Goods imported for this  
State, in the Betsey Capt. Ford, which were left in your Care. We are sorry that Capt. Ford  
did not, agreeable to his Bill of Lading, deliver these Goods at Annapolis or Baltimore, the  
Freight would have been immediately settled with Justice, and it shall be done in the Account  
of the Goods here, if Capt. Ford will empower any Person with whom it may be done.  
If you chuse the Goods should come in the Betsey, we shall be content to run the Risk of  
them, as we are, if they are sent by Capt. Berry.

We are &c.

Mr. Hugh Walker Merch<sup>t</sup>  
Annapolis.