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[Council to Benedict Calvert.]

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Sir.

M^r Saint George Peale having been appointed by the General Assembly Register of the Land Office and commissioned and qualified agreeable to the Constitution and Form of Government, and given Bond and Security, as far as Circumstances can be complied with agreeable to the Old Acts of Assembly; is now entitled to the Possession of the Land Office and the Records and Papers belonging to it. We think it proper that two Lists of the Books should be made and signed by yourself and M^r Peale, one to be kept by you and the other by him. We should not have wrote to you on this Occasion, but that we are informed you decline giving up the Office to M^r Callahan, on M^r Peale's Request, on an Apprehension that the Land Office was to be conducted under your Direction as formerly; We think there is more Propriety in M^r Peale's receiving the Office in Person, against which, we hope, you will make no Objection. We are &^{ca}

Benedict Calvert Esq^r

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[Council to Capt. Kilty.]

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Sir

We shall give the Cap^t who we may send down for your Ship, Orders to call on you before he goes on Board. As we are circumstanced, it would be improper to attempt getting out of the Capes, nor would we have you remove the Ship down, as was first proposed. We are &^{ca}

Cap^t Kilty.

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[Council to Jenifer and Hooe.]

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.Gen^t

We are much obliged by yours of this Day. There's no Vessel belonging to the State ready to sail, nor any other, so nearly ready as that at Alexandria, but we shall send an Extract of your Letter to Baltimore for the Government of private Adventurers. The Blankets and Cloth are very desirable, especially the former; the Blanket Law not having fully answered the End proposed by it, wherefore we will send a Cart or Waggon for the Blankets in a Day or two, and, if you'll send us a Sample of the Cloth and the Price, we will take that too, if you are not too hard in your Terms.

Mess^{rs} Jenifer & Hooe.We are &^{ca}