

[Council to C. Lowndes.]

C. C.

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In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Sir.

We are obliged to you for the Trouble you took in stating the Officer's, we understood Sergeant Ijams's, Conduct in so full and circumstantial a Manner, he is not yet come to Town, we expect him and shall make proper Inquiry and act accordingly. We are sorry that there should happen any Ground of Complaint, but shall, most surely, duly attend to any that is well founded. The Public have much Confidence in the Row Gallies, they are too backward, partly for Want of Cordage; the Price of every Thing is rising shamefully; we wish you to secure a Quantity of Hemp as soon as possible, if it cannot be certainly got under, at £3 15 0 or even at £4. If the Philadelphians take it into their Heads, and they may probably do it, they'll run up the Hemp to, perhaps 5, 6, 7 or 8℥ in Frederick in a Hurry, they have no Bounds and we must have Cordage for the Row Gallies, we wish you to secure 10 or 12 Tons quickly.

We are &^{ca}

Christ^r Lowndes Esq^r

[Council to B. Maybury.]

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In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Cap^t B. Maybury

Sir.

It is absolutely necessary that a Quantity of Molasses and Rice should be had for the Use of the Continental Troops now under Innoculation here, as well as for the others daily expected; as none that we know of, can be got in this Town, you'll go to Baltimore Town and endeavour to purchase, for the Use mentioned, About 1 Hh^d of Molasses and about 300^{lb} Rice; you will give a full Value for these Articles, if to be had on Contract, but if they are not to be purchased without giving an exorbitant newly advanced Price, you are to take them, having them valued and paying the Valuation

We are &^{ca}

Cap^t Beriah Maybury

[Council to S. Purviance, Jr.]

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In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Sir.

M^r Maybury, the Bearer of this, will receive any Shirts you may have to send us for the Continental Troops; we think it will be best to let us have 500, if you can conveniently spare so many.

We are &^{ca}

M^r Samuel Purviance Jun^r