

- c. c. sary about the Provisions, we would have you sell at 4 Dollars a Bushel, dividing it, as well as you can, among those who may be in immediate Want, having more than a Bushel to a Family, we would have it go as far as it can towards a temporary Relief; The Price is high, but cheap, when compared to what private People sell at, and, we fear, as cheap as we shall be able to purchase.

Pray advise us of the Quantity you sell and receive the ready Money as there may be an End of it. Cap<sup>t</sup> Frazier tells us you committed two or three Men, who were enlisted by the Delaware Officers, we would have them delivered over to Col<sup>o</sup> Richardson and kept in his Regiment.

Nath<sup>l</sup> Potter Esq<sup>r</sup>

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

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[Council to Col. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 11<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

Sir.

We sent you to Day by Cap<sup>t</sup> Coward 225 y<sup>ds</sup> of Coating and Buttons for 150 Coats, 100 ready made Shirts, 6 p<sup>s</sup> Ozna-brigs for Overalls, 40 Camp Kettles and twenty seven Tents. The Boat returned from Baltimore with the Kettles & Tents only yesterday, she was delayed for the Tents, the Workmen having no more ready, though we expected several 100 were ready. Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood is not yet come to Town. We think it would promote the Service to let the old Soldiers go into your Regim<sup>t</sup> if they choose to do so, and if, on Conversation with Gen<sup>l</sup> Smallwood, we find it necessary, we shall apply to the Assembly for Leave. Cap<sup>t</sup> Frazier tells us that he understands from you, Maj<sup>r</sup> Smyth told you that Cap<sup>t</sup> Dean would not serve. If Maj<sup>r</sup> Smyth knows that to be Capt. Dean's Resolution, we should be glad he would write us so, as we may appoint another in his stead. The sooner we are advised the better, and we will endeavour to fill up all Vacancies to give Satisfaction, if possible.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Col<sup>o</sup> Richardson

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[Council to Col. Dickinson.]

In Council 11<sup>th</sup> June 1777.

Sir.

We wrote to most of the Col<sup>s</sup> of the Eastern Shore Militia the 5<sup>th</sup> of May in Hopes of getting a Proportion from each of the Battalions to make up 300 Men, to join Col<sup>o</sup> Richardson's Regulars, for the immediate and more effectual Defence of the Eastern Shore. By a Letter received from Col<sup>o</sup> Jos<sup>h</sup>