

[Council to Dashiell.]

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In Council Annapolis 7th Jan^y 1778.

Sir

You are privy to the Measures taken and Instructions given for collecting the fat Cattle from those Parts of your County, easily approachable by the Enemy, for the Use of the Army. Perhaps the Disaffected may forcibly oppose the Execution of the Order; if that should be the Case, and the Gen^t. appointed should apply to you for Assistance, you are to collect the Militia and support the Gen^t in the Execution of the Order, for, withholding the Cattle and opposing their being applied to the Subsistence of our Army, can only be done in favour of our Enemies and, we are determined, they shall not draw any Supplies, from this State, if it can be prevented.

Col^o George Dashiell.

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[Council to Board of Auditors.]

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When the Militia were ordered out, the Officers who commanded them, represented, and we believe very truly, that many of the Men could not march, without an Advance of some necessary Articles of Cloathing, most commonly Shoes, or Money to purchase them, and with a View to enable the Officers to advance for such Purposes, in small Sums to the most necessitated, Orders were drawn, by the Council and myself on the Treasury in favour of the Colonels or Principal Officers who went with Detachments of the Militia. Money was advanced by the Congress in the same Manner, and Shoes by the Council of Safety, last year, with the same Intention. We are informed that, in by far too many Instances, the Men, to whom small Advances were made, much within a Proportion of their Pay, have deserted, and that, in settling the Militia Accounts, no Credit is allowed to the Officers for Money advanced in such Instances. The Officers, in such Cases, last Year, had Credit in their Accounts and, we think, on every Principle of Justice and Policy, and we are satisfied, unless the Officers have the like Allowances now, they, nor any others in future, will advance Money for which they will expect to be chargeable on an Event which they cannot hinder, We therefore wish you to make the Allowance to the Officer, unless it appears the Advance was imprudently or improperly made.

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The Board of Auditors.