

c. c. we think it would be better to freight her for Part of her Cargoe, or to hold her in Partnership. We should have chose one of the Latter, but we are not at Liberty now the Assembly is sitting: we expect they will give Directions about her.

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac VanBibber.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

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[Council to S. Hughes.]

In Council Annapolis 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1778.

Sir

We inclose you a Letter for the Governor of New Orleans which you'll seal and, if you see proper, deliver to him. You are sufficiently acquainted with our Wants of Musquets, Blankets, Cloathing and Medecines for our Troops. If any Quantity of either of these Articles of, or through the Influence of the Governor, and a Prospect of getting them up the Ohio to Pitsburg or to North Carolina or Virginia should open, and the Price at New Orleans will justify the Risk and Expences, we request you'll contract for this State, gaining as long a Credit as you can. The best Chance for a Remittance within the Time of your Contract, would be in Flower to the Havannah and perhaps suit the Spanish Government very well. If you should be so fortunate to have it in your Power to contract in a large Extent, to your Satisfaction, we could wish you to purchase as far as 4000 Stand of Arms, as Many Blankets, Cloth for 3 or 4000 Suits for Soldiers 2000<sup>lb</sup> of Jesuits Bark and 150<sup>lb</sup> Spanish Flies, but, if any Thing like so considerable, the Risk must be divided. We wish you an agreeable and useful Tour.

And are with great Truth  
and Regard

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Hughes.

Sir &<sup>ca</sup>

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[Gov. Johnson to Governor of New Orleans.]

Annapolis in Maryland 23<sup>d</sup> March 1778.

Sir.

M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Hughes, a Gentleman of this State and one of our Legislative Body, designing to visit New Orleans, by the Rout of the Ohio and Mississippi; my Acquaintance with and knowlege of him will not suffer me to omit the Occasion of contributing what I can towards his being honored with your Excellency's Notice and favoured, if necessary with your Protection, to which I take the Liberty of recommending him. He wishes with me that a mutually beneficial Intercourse might take Place between the Subjects of his most Catholic Majesty and those of the States of America. The Interrup-