

- c. c. Robbery, if, as we expected, you had went with your Detachment, and understanding now you are like to go alone, we have directed Major Smith to order one of his Officers and a Serjeant to go with you to Philadelphia or Camp, as you may think proper. If you meet with any Officers at Philadelphia with whom you go in Company to Camp, we would have ours return; if not, take them with you to Camp or til you have good Company enough to secure you against a Robbery, which would very probably be attempted on any single Man, known to have a large sum of Money.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

Maj<sup>r</sup> John E. Howard }  
at Baltimore }

- c. B. Thursday 28 January 1779

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joel Higginbottom six Pounds, twelve shillings and one Penny p Acc<sup>t</sup> passed by the Prin<sup>l</sup> Cl. to the Aud. Gen<sup>l</sup>

- c. c. [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1779

Gen<sup>t</sup>

We inclose you a Copy of a Letter received the Day before yesterday from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Morris and Whipple & of its Inclosure. M<sup>r</sup> Wadworths State of the Difficulties he is under in his Department is very alarming; we imagine it not improbable that he has laid before Congress or some Committee of it, a Calculation of what is necessary for the Subsistance of the Army 'til Harvest, and the Quantity on Hand, so that we may be at some Certainty of the Quantity wanted. We inclose you a Copy of our late Act to prevent Ingrossing, which you will see does not impower a Seizure of Grain in the Hands of any but Ingrossers, nor are the Powers left in the Hands of the Governor & Council, Competent to force from the Possessors, any Flour or Grain, so that if the real State of the Commisary's Department requires any extraordinary Measures, the General Assembly only can provide the Remedy. At this Season tired as the Members are with frequent and long Sessions, a Meeting will be very inconvenient, and nothing but Necessity can justify an immediate Call of the Assembly; we have therefore sent this Express, who we wish you to dispatch as soon as possible, and request you'll give us all the Information you can on the Subject, which will determine us,