therefore you did not get it. We sent you the 12th of last C.C Month by Mr Hughes i C Wr which we suppose you got. Tomorrow or the next Day we will send to Cambridge to the Care of Mr Stevens 3 C wt Lead, we cannot send it before. We have wrote to M^r M^cBryde to keep back, a little while, the Flour he purchased & subjected it for the use of the Militia, if called out; Colo Joseph Dashiell has 2 Barrls of our Pork & Mr Chaille about the same Quantity, that must be used if convenient & wanted or and that belongs to the Public, more convenient. We can say nothing further as to the Removal of the Continental Provisions, which may be in Places tolerably safe, than that we do not approve it, as Things are now circumstanced and advise it not to be done. We cannot Spare one of our Boats at present, if you can hire a proper one and get her manned & armed, we are willing to pay the Expence of it, for the little Time she may be necessary and useful. We send you the Commissions you wrote for; if the People will lend or use their Arms, we agree they shall be paid for in Case of Loss, but special Care ought to be taken to fix the Loss on those who use them, unless it is unavoidable

We are &ca

Col^o Geo. Dashiell

[Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 27th May 1779

Sir

You will receive by your Brother Francis Dallam forty thousand Pounds. If you do not draw the Money from the Commissary's Department for the 1700 Barrls which you purchased before you received your Appointment from tihs Board and which Gov Morris Esq has agreed shall be reckoned in the Quantity to be supplied by this State, a further Sum shall, on Notice, be sent to enable you to satisfy your Engagements. We have this Day wrote to Gen' Buchanan either to discharge or keep the Militia together as he shall find them in Temper. If the first is done, signals must be agreed on, that Notice may be extended immediately, so that all under Orders to hold themselves in Readiness, may proceed without Delay, to Baltimore. The Flour you have purchased must remain in the Places mentioned in your List, until you receive further Directions from us. It will be required from the 9 Months Men to make separate Depositions, with respect to the Cloathing they have received from the State and, if they insist on the Cloathing they must receive it here, as we have none any where else; if they will