

which you will follow. You will advise us by every Opportunity of your Situation and Proceedings

We are &^{ca}

Capt. Daniel Deshon.

[Council to E. Blaine.]

In Council Annapolis 15th May 1778

Sir

By this Day's Post we received yours of the 7th We shall consider and advise you of the Persons we may think will assist you in your Office with Integrity and Industry. We have derived no Assistance from the Recommendation of Congress of the 24th of April, to the Government of Pennsylvania, to furnish Sailors for manning the Maryland and Virginia Gallies: a due Attention to it would much forward the Transportation of the Provisions purchased. A good Deal of Meat, especially Bacon, has been bought up in this State, we wish it to be removed as soon as may be, for immediate use, and shall do all we can to accomplish it, for, besides its being wanted, it will not keep in collected Quantities, unless there's more than common Attention to it.

We are &^{ca}

Ephraim Blaine Esq^r }
D^y Com^y Gen^l of Purchases }

[Council to Maxwell, Nesbitt & Co.]

In Council Annapolis 15th May 1778.

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We received your Favor of the 12th by the Post to Day. We were just about giving Orders to a Galley going nearly opposite to Matompkin, to bring us one Half the Linen invoiced agreeable to your Order of the 5th We believe it will be a safe Conveyance and could have wished agreeable to the other Purchasers, that the whole might have come hither together or that they should have been brought by Land no farther than Cambridge there they might have been easily divided and from thence they might have been readily sent to Baltimore or the Head of the Bay. What is for the Continent might have been readily made into Shirts & Overalls at Baltimore. The increased Expence and what is more considerable, the great Delay from sending the Goods to Lancaster and afterwards bringing them back induce us still