

[Council to Gen'l Smallwood.]

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Sir Your Letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> was handed to us this Day by Col<sup>o</sup> Jenifer and by the same Opportunity we enclose you Letters to the Commissioners of Charles and Saint Mary's Counties, desiring them to furnish, upon your Requisition, supplies of Provision and Forage, for Recruiting Officers and Parties, in those Counties and also for Officers on Furlough. The late Resignations of Commissaries and Quartermasters have been attended with Inconvenience which, we hope, may be, in some Measure, remedied, in this Instance, at least, by the step we have taken.

[Council to Honble Board of War]

Gentlemen We had the Honor of receiving your Letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at 6 o'clock last Evening: the Subject is of a most Serious and alarming Nature and you may rely upon our immediate Attention to it. Every Exertion shall be made on our Part to extricate the Army from its present Difficulties and Distress, we, however, cannot avoid expressing our Astonishment on finding the Magazines in such an exhausted State, after the Numberless Accounts received of plentiful Supplies being received at Camp. These Accounts, we must observe, were not officially given but they, however came through such a Variety of Channels, we thought them entitled to some Credit, especially as we had received nothing contradictory from Congress Your Hon<sup>ble</sup> Board or the General. We again beg you to be assured that we will make every Effort to send forward to Camp, all the Flour that is or may be collected, without Loss of Time.

[Council to the Commissioners of the several Counties]

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Circular Extract of a Letter from the honble the Board of War, to the Governor dated March 7<sup>th</sup> 1780

“ We are alarmed and most feelingly distressed at the Accounts we have just received from the Commissary General of Issues, of the State of the Magazines of Provisions at Camp. Unless the Speediest Relief is afforded it is by no Means improbable that the Army will be obliged to disband the Vicinity of the Camp and indeed the whole State of Iersey being exhausted by its Exertions for the Supply of the Troops this winter. We have therefore most earnestly to request the Assistance of your Excellency and the Honorable Council upon this disagreeable Exigency and we beg you will cause as much Flour as possible to be forwarded that the Distress likely to fall on the Army and the dangerous Consequences which may probably attend it, may be prevented ”

Gent. The above, we trust, is sufficient without any Exhortation of ours, to impress on your Minds the absolute Necessity of forwarding, without Delay, all the Flour you may have in Readiness and to