

Permission is hereby granted to Lade on board the Schooner Kitty of the burthen of Twenty Tons or thereabouts belonging to Joseph Dowson a Cargoe of Flour, Potatoes Turnips and other Vegetables and the same, to clear out, and transport in her to, and for the use of the Fleet and Army of his most Christian Majesty, the Captain of the said Schooner previous to his Lading on Board any of the said Articles giving Bond payable to this State in the Penalty of Ten thousand Pounds, Conditioned that if the said Cargoe shall be delivered on board the Fleet of his most Christian Majesty, the Danger of the Seas and Enemies only excepted, and shall within four Months from the Date of such Bond produce to the Governor and Council of this State, a Certificate under the Hand of a Captain a Commanding Officer of some one of the Ships of War of the said Fleet or some Officer of the said Fleet of Higher Rank of such Delivery then such Bond to be void else of full Force—and the Captain of the said Schooner also making Oath before the Naval Officer who shall clear out the said Vessel at or before the Time of her clearing out that he will use his utmost Endeavours to prevent the said Cargoe or any Part thereof falling into the Hands of the Enemy, and will deliver the same if in his Power, to or on board some of the said Fleet.

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Sir. We are much surprized to hear M^r Faw has purchased Linen altogether improper for the Use of our Troops: Directions will be given to M^r Faw, by this Opportunity, to make no more Shirts of that Kind of Linen, but to send what he has, immediately, to the Care of Cap^t Keeports. We wish you to purchase the Cloth and Blankets of Mess^{rs} Smith and Jefferies without Loss of Time; the surplus Cloth, after making up the Deficiency for Overalls and Socks, you are to leave with Cap^t Keeports, with an Invoice of the Quantity and Quality.

[Council to Capt Geo. P. Keeports]

Sir. Cap^t Shelmerdine will deliver over to you six thousand Pounds, to enable you to continue your Purchase of Linen, which we wish you particularly to attend to, as there is Reason to believe there will not be the Supplies from other Purchasers, we had Reason to expect. When you make up your Accounts, we hope you will make it convenient to ride down, and we will endeavour to supply Cloaths for the Soldiers from the State Store. M^r Crisall has Orders to forward Beef by the first Opportunity, as it is probable that Article may be laid in here on better Terms than at Baltimore, and until you receive it, you must continue to subsist the Troops on fresh Provisions. M^r Randall is directed to leave a Parcel of Cloth