

of the Progress you make in your Purchases and your Prospects. Every Assistance in our Power will be afforded you in the Execution of your Commission. Liber C C
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[Council to The Honble, the President of the Board of War]

Sir. We had not the Honor of receiving your Favor of the 11th of the current Month 'til Yesterday. Before this its probable the Prisoners destined for Washington County have left Philadelphia. We lament the Necessity Col^o Rawlings was under of discharging the Militia Guard; we are yet ignorant of the Cause, but conclude from our Knowledge of the Col^o that the Measure was a prudential one. Orders heretofore given the Lieutenants of the several Counties in the Vicinity of Fort Frederick, to furnish the necessary Guard, are considered as still subsisting and we doubt not a Proper one will be in Readiness to receive the Prisoners upon their Arrival. The Powder furnished the Continent in Consequence of the Requisition of your Honorable Board was sold under a Resolution of our Assembly directing the Governor and Council to dispose of such Quantity of that Article as might be spared. Frequent, and the most pressing Applications of Individuals had little Weight with this Board when put in Competition with your Requisition, and it was immediately determined the Public Interest should be preferred: thirty thousand Pounds, the utmost Quantity we could spare, were accordingly delivered to your Agent and, as we are informed, was removed to Baltimore, returning it again to our Magazines would be attended with much Expence and Trouble and, all Circumstances considered. we flatter ourselves you will not view our Conduct in not consenting to credit the Continent for the Powder, in an unfavourable Light.

[Council to Capt. John Green]

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Sir. You have herewith an Invoice of 62 Barrels of Flour and 5 of Beef, the Cargo of the Dolphin, which you are to deliver without Loss of Time, to the French Agent or his Deputy; one or the other, we have Reason to believe, is now at Hampton, for the use of his most Christian Majesty's Fleet or that Part of it which may be in Chesapeake Bay. In the Absence of the Agent or his Deputy, you are to deliver your Cargo to the Commander of the Fleet, taking a Receipt therefor.

As the Fleet may have immediate Occasion for these Provisions and their Stay in this Bay limited, We trust, without repeating it, you are sufficiently impressed with the Necessity of Dispatch. We wish you a safe Voyage and are &^{ca}

[Council to Capt. George P. Keepports]

Sir. Being informed by M^r Randall that there are a Number of Blankets, at this Time for Sale in Baltimore and as we shall have