

in our Power to assist his Excellency with a Troop or more of Light Horse, composed of some of our most respectable Citizens. You will perceive by the enclosed Copy of an Act to encourage the raising a Volunteer Troop of Light Horse &^{ca} that a Number of Gentlemen in Baltimore Town have offered to form themselves into a Troop of Light Horse and to furnish themselves at their own Expence; this laudable and disinterested Conduct, we hope will be emulated by the Gentlemen of the several Counties in this State. We shall constantly correspond with and inform you of the Success in the Execution of the enclosed Laws, and give you full and Speedy Intelligence of all Matters that may tend to promote the Interest of the United States and assist the Operation of this Campaign

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[Council to Sam'l McGee Esqr]

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Sir Col^o Henry Hollingsworth has informed this Board that you have in your Hands a Quantity of Flour &^{ca} belonging to the Public which you have refused to deliver, until you are paid for what has been delivered. The Assembly passed an Act the last Session to enable M^r Wederstrandt as a public Agent, in a Degree to Satisfy his Creditors, but whether the Measure will sufficiently answer your Purpose or comprehend your Case, we know not; however as you are a good Whig and must have the common Cause at Heart, we trust that any Argument in Favor of an immediate Delivery of all the public Provisions in your Hands, would be unnecessary and Superfluous, after informing you that the army is now and has been for some Time past greatly distressed for every Species of Provisions and that we are ready now and shall be on all future Occasions, to do every Thing in our Power to lessen the Inconveniences which have unavoidably attended the public Purchasers in performing their Contracts. Our Treasury is entirely drained at present, but we have Reason to expect it will be replenished ere long; then we shall with Pleasure furnish M^r Wederstrandt with Money agreeable to the Warrant in his Favor, after deducting such Sums as he is enabled to draw for on the Collectors. The Army must be furnished with Bread therefore we hope you will not detain the Flour and oblige us, against our Inclination, to exert the Powers with which we are invested by the Assembly for this Purpose

[Council to His Exy Genl Washington]

Sir In Consequence of the Resolutions of Congress, Letters from your Excellency and the Committee of Co-operation, relative to Men, Money and Supplies of Provisions, Horses and Waggon's allotted to be furnished by this State, the General Assembly, impressed with an adequate Idea of the Wants of the Army and the indispensable Necessity of providing in the most ample Manner for