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Prices. As there are plentiful Crops of Wheat made, we expect to get it and the Flour for the Prices abovementioned and 6s. is the most we have given for Bacon, delivered at the Head of Elk. You have the Power of giving Certificates, which may be discontinued in the Payment of the present and future Assessments. We think you had better forward the Grain procured on the Waters immediately to the Head of Elk, directed to Col^o Henry Hollingsworth, and approve of the Contract made with Col^o Fitzhugh, as beneficial to the State. It is not in our Power at present, to supply you with any Money from the Treasury, and the Mode we have some Time past adopted, of giving Orders on the Collectors will not avail, as you are without a Collector; so soon as it is in our Power, we shall supply you with Money. We have enclosed you a Copy of the Act, appointing Collectors.

[Council to Capt Robert Berry]

Sir You will proceed immediately with the State Boat Plater to Hooper's Streights and there receive Directions from and act in Concert with Capt. John Smoot, for the Suppression of the Tories who have been acting as Pirates in Seizing Vessels, the Property of the Subjects of this State. You are to make as much Dispatch as possible and, so soon as the Object of this Expedition is attained, you are to return.

[Council to President of the Board of War]

Sir Upon the Representation of pressing Solicitations of your Honorable Board, we have determined to spare 15000th Powder from the Stores belonging to this State, for which the Continent will be charged with the Current Price of that Article. By gratifying your Wish and our own Inclination to promote the Common Interest, we have reduced the State Magazine to a very low Ebb, and still further to demonstrate our Attachment to the Object for which America is struggling we would most chearfully adopt the Measure you recommend, of purchasing on the Credit of the State, if from Experience we were not convinced of the Impracticability. The tedious and slow Manner of replenishing the Treasury by Taxes, have heretofore compelled us to try this Expedient, which by no Means answered our
p. 147 Expectations more especially after the first Attempt, for, relying upon the Punctuality of the public Collectors, we did not hesitate to give Assurances of Payments, but a Failure on their Parts, necessarily occasioned Disappointments to the public Creditors and injured the Credit of Government. The frequent Applications to this Board by Mercantile Gentlemen, induces us to think it is not to be had from Individuals in this State. The Powder shall be delivered to your Order, from the Magazine at Frederick Town when you shall think proper to send for it.