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[Council to Patrick Sim Smith Esq^r]

Sir The Enclosure is an Order on the Collector of the Tax in Calvert County for 6000£ which, with the great Proportion, we flatter ourselves, you have engaged to pay in Certificates, will answer your present Purposes. We have long thought the Supplies should be forwarded to the Army, as soon as they were procured, and have urged the Necessity of making the greatest Exertions to that End; and, if possible, Letters received this Day from the Committee of Co-operation impress the Necessity of the Measure more forcibly on our Minds. Under the present Circumstances of Affairs, when our Magazines are exhausted of Provisions and the Subsistence of the Army depends upon the precarious Supplies of the Day, we cannot avoid reiterating our Solicitation that you have your Purchases of Wheat sent to Col^o Fitzhugh's Mill where it should be manufactured, from thence transported to the Head of Elk without Loss of Time.

[Council to Ensign Middleton]

Sir. You will receive from M^r Bullen, Forty Horses. You are likewise to call on Col. Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk, or the Person acting for him in his Absence, for all the Horses which have been delivered to him by the Contractors for the Purchase of Horses in this State and with which we request you will proceed with Diligence and Care to Morris Town and deliver them to the Quartermaster General or such Person as he shall authorise to receive them at that Post, taking his Receipt therefor, as a Part of four Hundred Draft Horses which were required of this State by the Commee of Congress at Head Quarters. For the Subsistence of the Horses, you are to draw Forage from the Quartermasters at the several Posts between this & Morris Town

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[Council to Delegates in Congress]

Gentlemen The Embargo Law of this State was continued by an Act of the last Session of Assembly to the tenth Day of September next, and at the same Time this Board was authorised and fully empowered to continue the Law until the End of the next Session of the General Assembly, provided the Embargo be continued in the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware: but in Case these States, or either of them should take off the Embargo on their Ports, then and in such Case we are authorized and requested to take of the Restrictions imposed by the Act of our Legislature. The Act of the Pennsylvania Assembly expires the first of September, but President Reed is of Opinion that, that Hoñble Body, who are to meet before the limited Time, will renew it. The Law of Delaware expires the 20th of October, unless suspended or revoked by the Executive of that State. In the State of uncertainty, in which we are, respecting the