therefore explain our Situation as fully as we can, by which you Liber C C may, in some Measure regulate your Conduct. By this Opportunity No. 22 we enclose Notes for 34 Hhds. of Tobacco, which we request you to dispose of on the best Terms you can and to apply the Money to the Purchase of Flour. We have Reason from Subscriptions already made to assure you of a further Supply of 60 or 70 Hhds. for the same Purchase. In Addition to this which will put a certain Sum into your Hands, we flatter ourselves a further Collection will be made of Tobacco. The Assessment in Tobacco is to collected in this Month, which probably will be paid into the Treasury within the Time directed, this will give us an Opportunity of raising a very considerable Sum of Money and may be reckoned a certain Fund and we flatter ourselves the New Money, which will be ready in next Week, will, in a great Measure, assist the Purchase of Provision. We do not know any good Reason why it should not circulate readily at 40 for 1 and in all Contracts that must be the Standard; as the State is to receive it at the same Rate, we hope, at least some Part of the purchase may be made in it. From our present Difficulties and the Necessity of supplying the Army immediately, we must request you to procure the Flour on the best Terms you can. Under these Circumstances an additional Quantity of Flour may possibly be obtained on Loan. We request your Answer to this immediately; if it does not suit you to continue any Time in the Execution of this Business, we cannot Doubt but we shall have your Assistance at this particular Time

[Council to Dan'l Bowley, Esqr]

Sir. We wrote you by Mr Poe and are exceedingly anxious to know when we may expect the Vessels from Baltimore intended against the Enemy in our Bay, as we have given Governor Jefferson Reason to expect that they would be ready about this Time. We are afraid the Opportunity of doing any Thing effectual may be lost by a Delay

[Council to Colo Thomas Price]

Sir We request you to have all the Wheat procured by you, manufactured immediately and forwarded with the Flour received, with all Expedition to Baltimore and there delivered to Mr Thomas Donnellan. We are much in Want of the Hats and wish them to be sent either to this Place or Baltimore by the first safe Conveyance

Wednesday 6th September 1780

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Gassaway one hundred and Twenty seven Pounds, ten shillings due him p Acct passed by the Aud G¹

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