

[Council to Rich'd Dallam Esqr., & Baruch Williams & John Voorhees Esqr except the first Sentence] Liber C C
No. 22

Sir We received yours of the 30th Ult^o and are exceedingly concerned to find your principal indeed almost only Reliance for obtaining Supplies of Provision is on what you may receive for the 15[£] Tax.

This State having fallen very considerably short, for the two last Months, of the Supplies, particularly flour, which were required and have been expected by Congress and the Committee of Co-operation it is incumbent on us to exert ourselves not only to make up that Deficiency immediately, but likewise to continue the Supplies for the Time to come. In this the Reputation of this State is deeply concerned as well as the general Interest of America at this particular Crisis: we must therefore again request your immediate and most diligent Attention to this Business. By Letters received from the Commissary General, the Committee of Cō-operation and from his Excellency the Commander in Chief, a Dissolution of Part of the Army and other very disgraceful Consequences may be avoided, if we are enabled to inform the Commissary that he may expect considerable Supplies in a short Time. We are sensible Sir, in order to execute this Business to Effect you must be powerfully assisted; we shall therefore explain our Situation as fully as we can, by which you may, in some Measure, regulate your Conduct. The Assessment of Tobacco is to be collected in this Month & probably all of it will be in the Treasury by the Time limited, by the Law, a considerable Part before. This will enable us to raise a considerable Sum of Money and may be reckoned a certain Fund and we flatter ourselves the new Money, which is now printing under the Act of Assembly to enable the Treasurer of the Western Shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange of the Western Shore to draw and sell Bills of Exchange &^{ca} will in a great Measure, assist your Purchase. In Addition to this, we have Reason to expect the new Bills for this State down immediately from Congress, further Means may arise from them. We do not know any good Reason why the new Money should not circulate readily at 40 for 1, as the State is to receive it at the same Rate, at least we cannot doubt but some Part of the Purchase May be made with it. Under our present Difficulties and the absolute Necessity of supplying the Army immediately, we request you to procure the Flour on the best Terms you can. Pray let us have your Answer and continue to inform us of your Proceedings

[Council to Messrs. Isaac & Abm. Van Bibber]

Gentⁿ Your two Letters of the 4th & 6th Ins^t we this Day received and wish it was in our Power to furnish you with the Military Stores you require but we have not more than six 4 & 6th Cannon Our State